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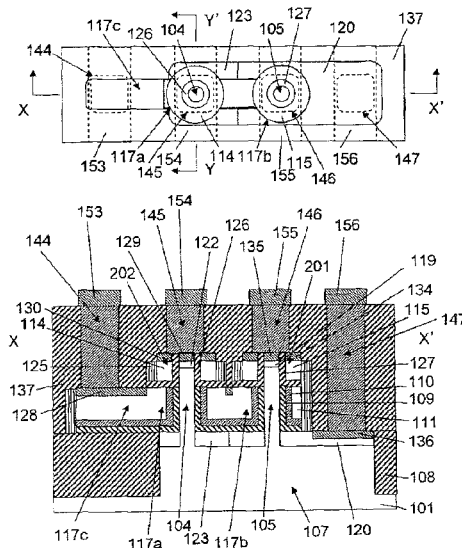
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A semiconductor device includes a pillar-shaped silicon layer and a first-conductivity-type diffusion layer in an upper portion of the pillar-shaped silicon layer. A sidewall having a laminated structure including an insulating film and polysilicon resides on an upper sidewall of the pillar-shaped silicon layer. A top of the polysilicon of the sidewall is electrically connected to a top of the first-conductivity-type diffusion layer and has the same conductivity as the diffusion layer.

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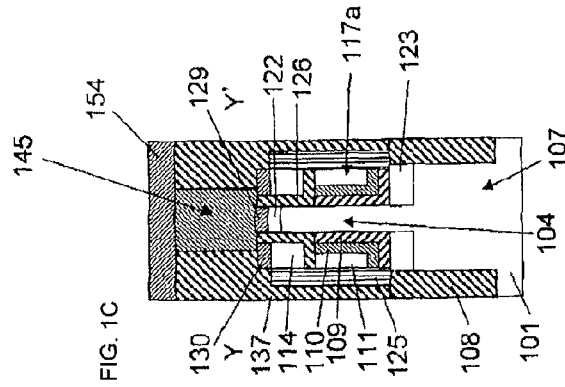
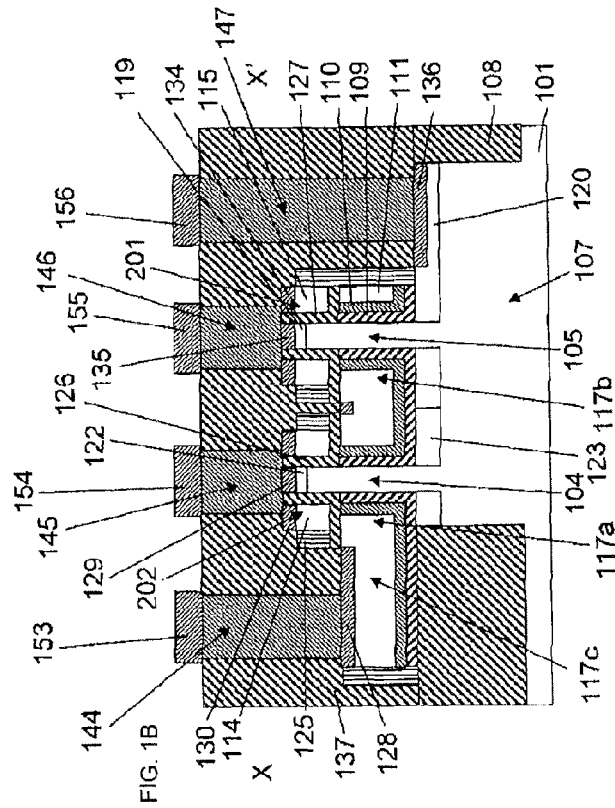
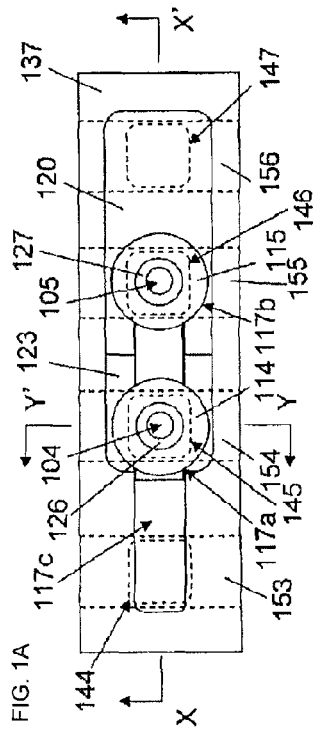
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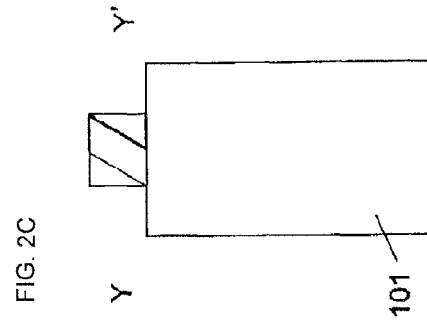
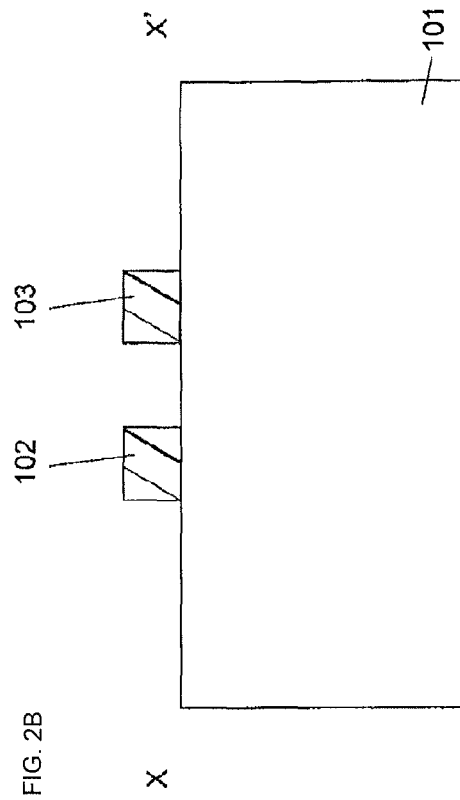
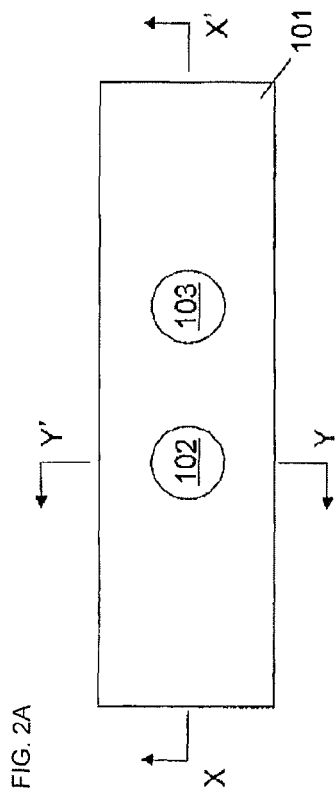
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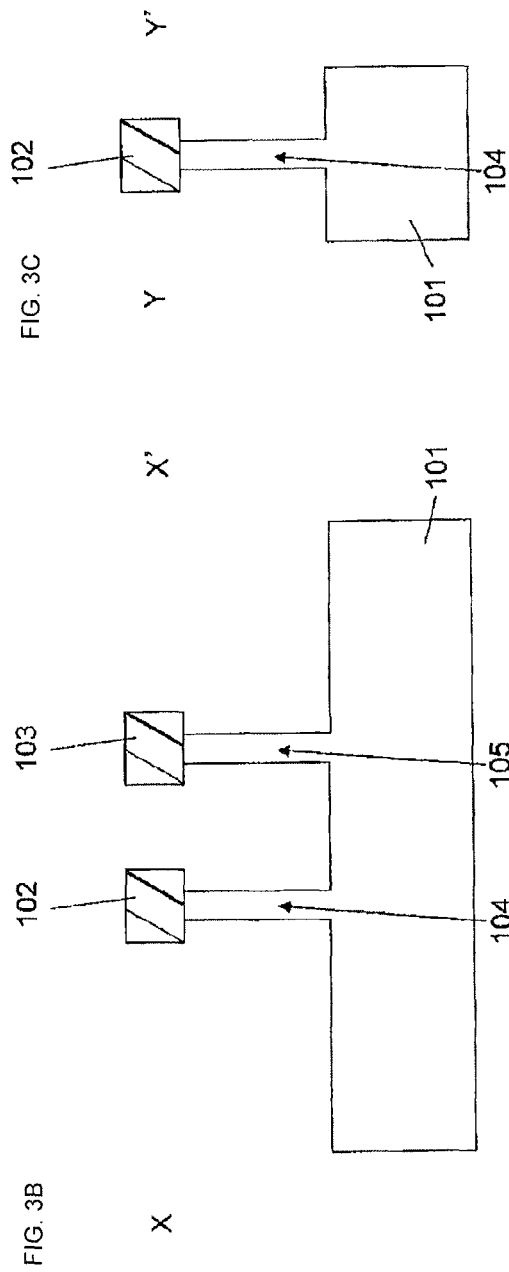
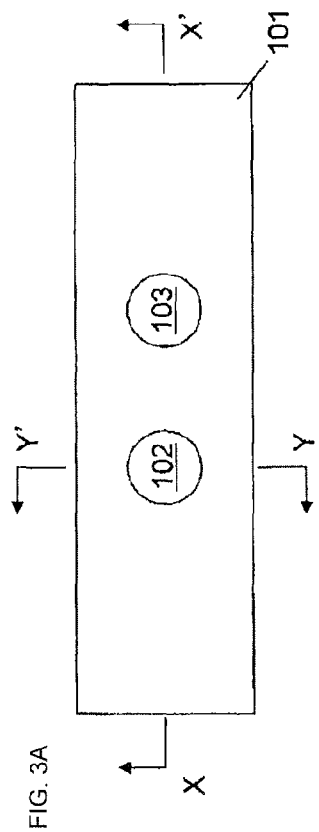
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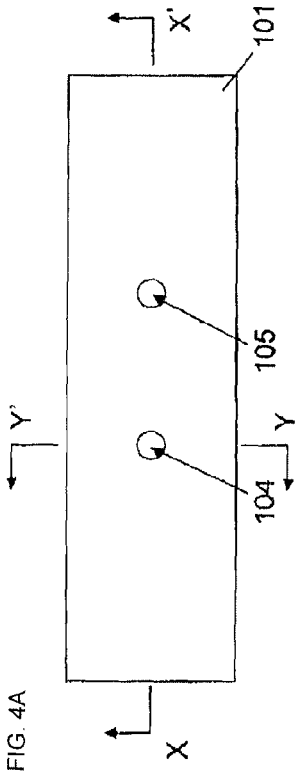


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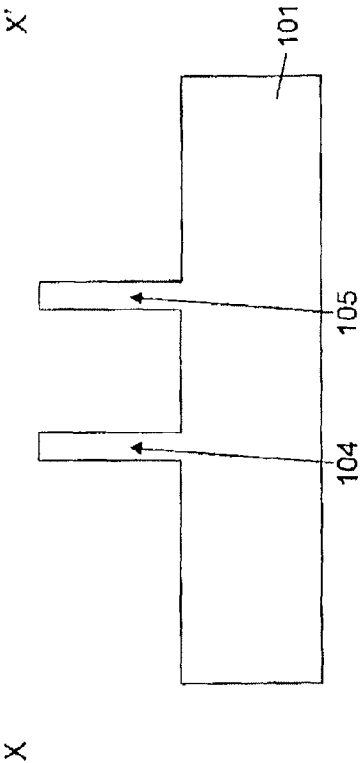
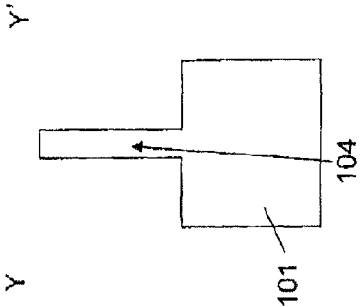


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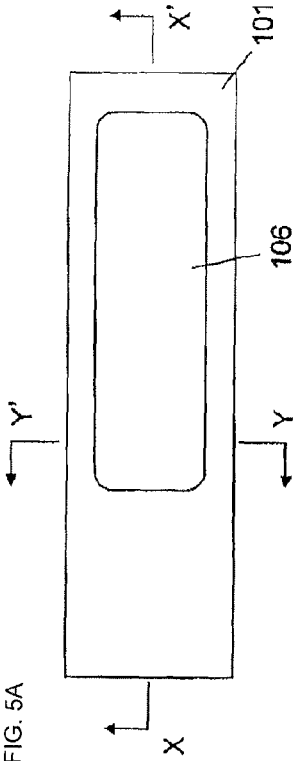


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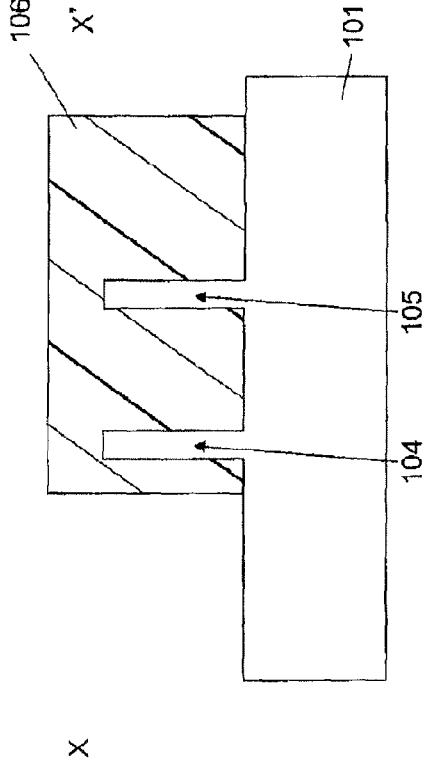
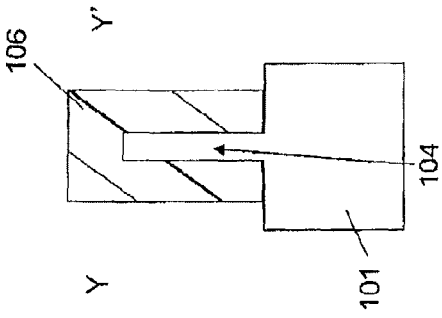
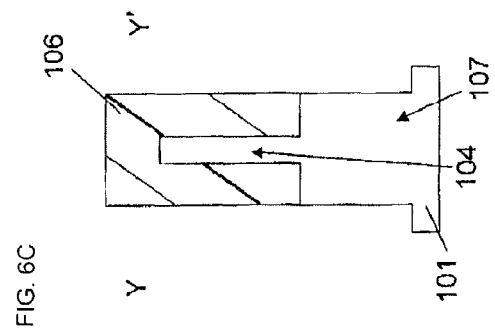
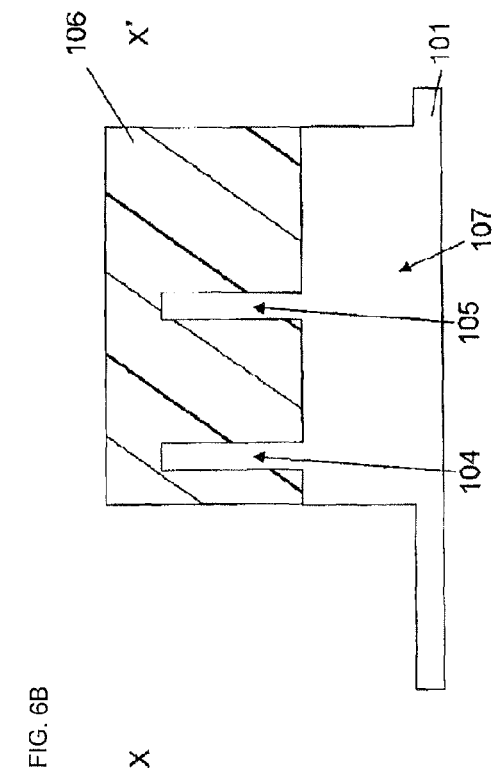
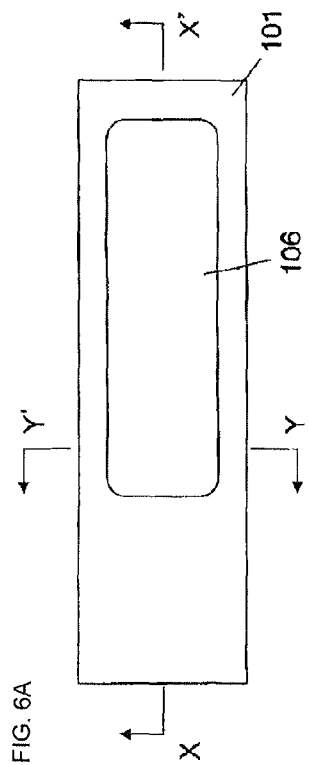


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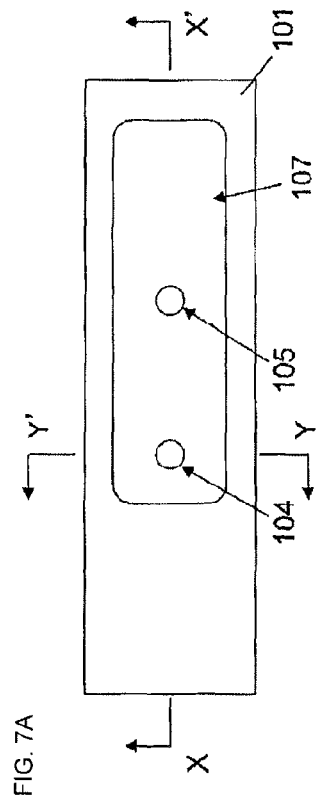


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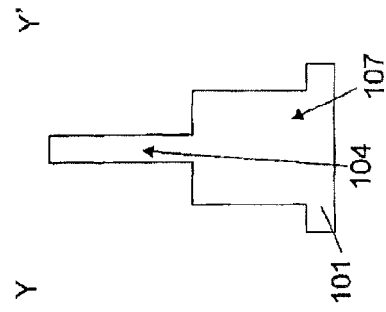
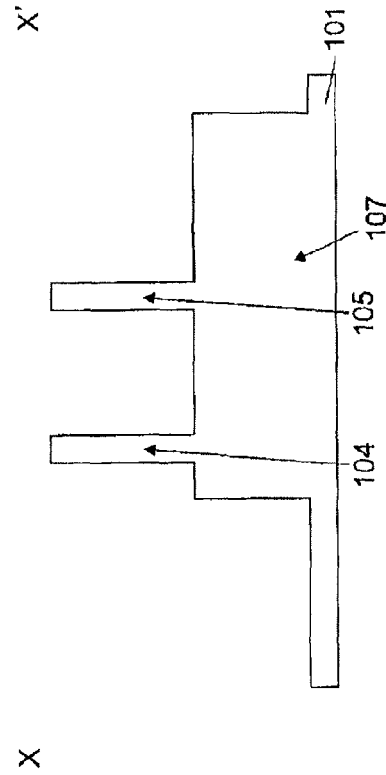


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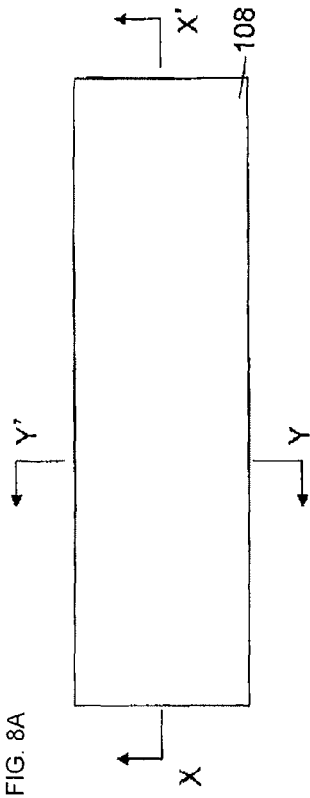


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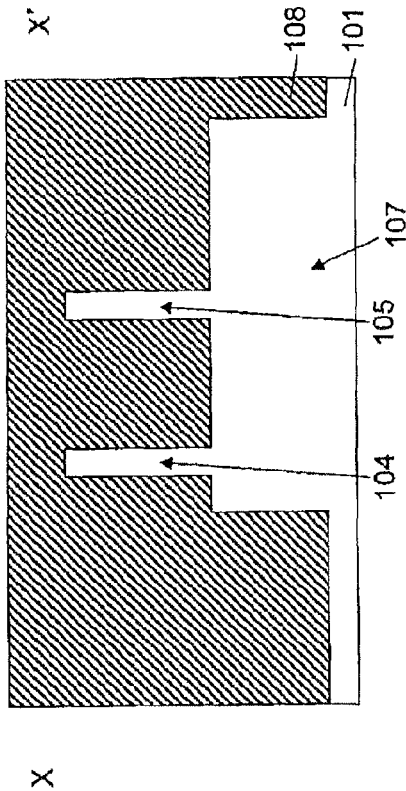
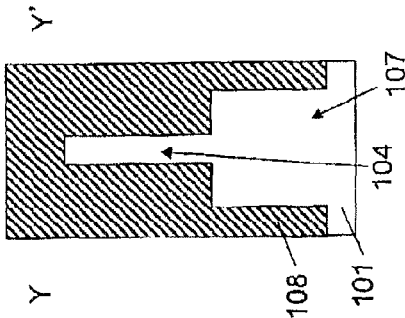
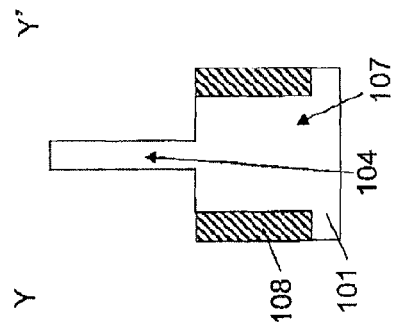
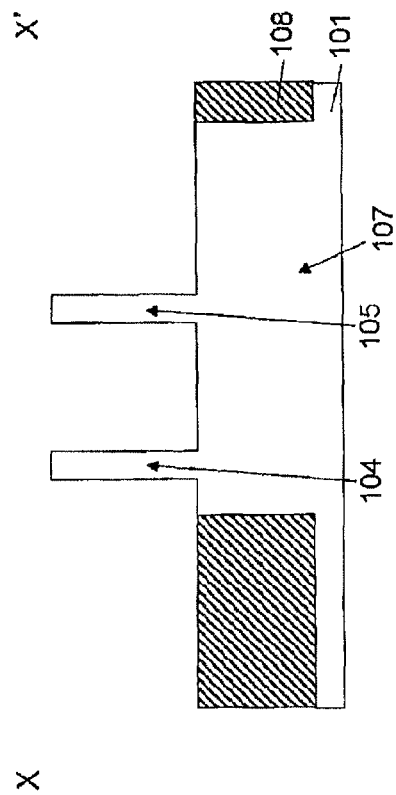
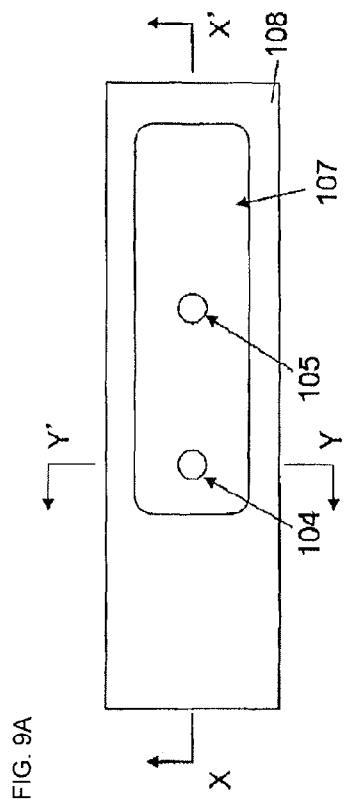


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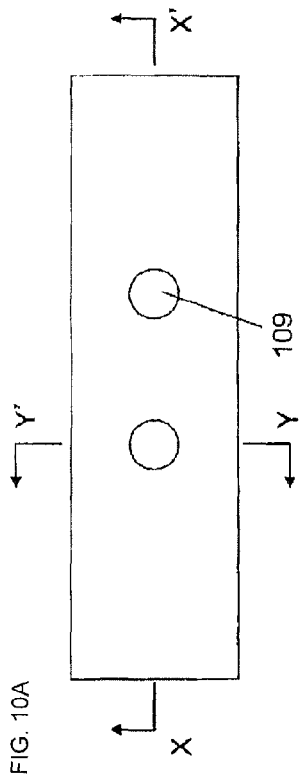


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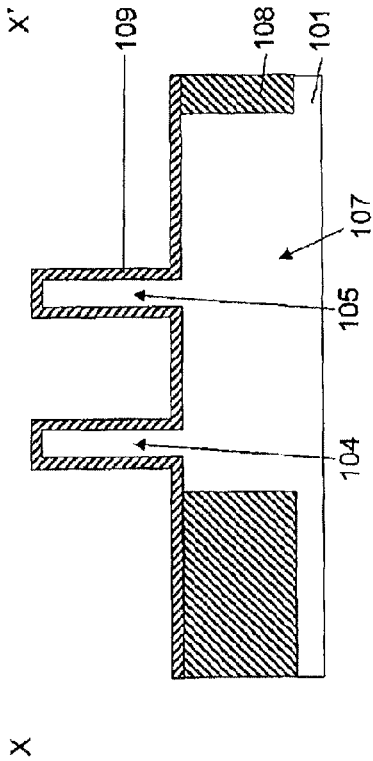
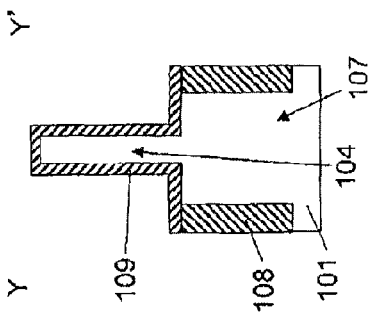


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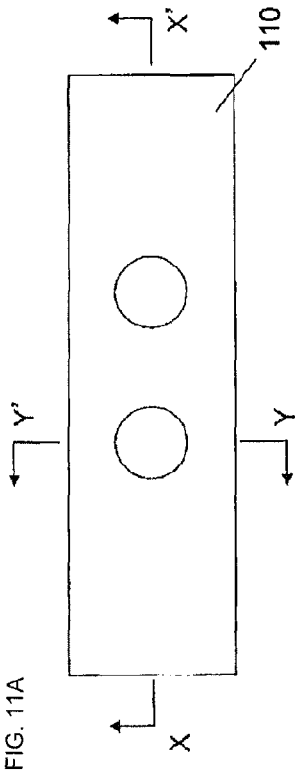


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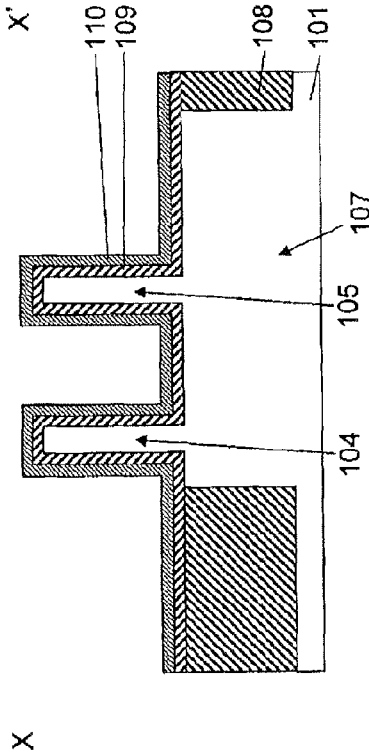


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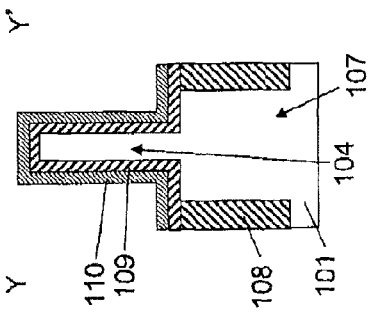


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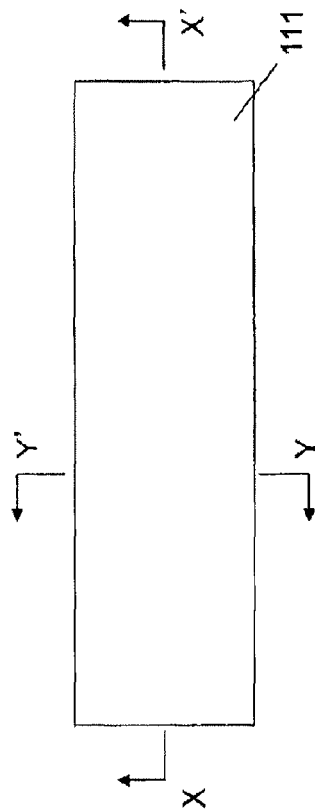


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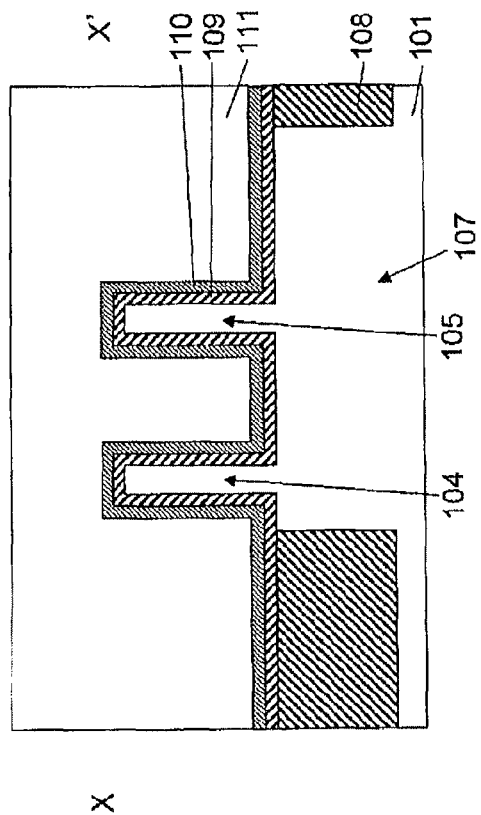


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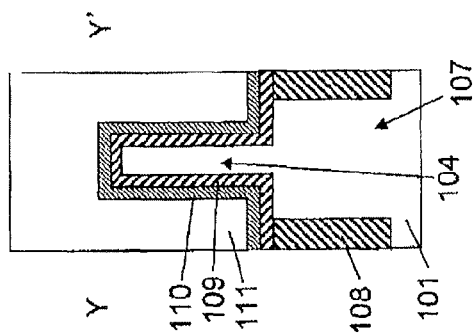


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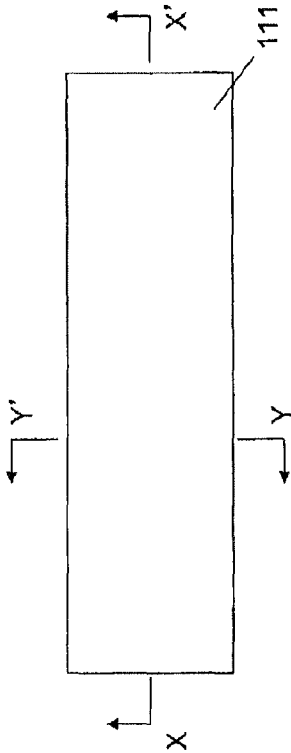


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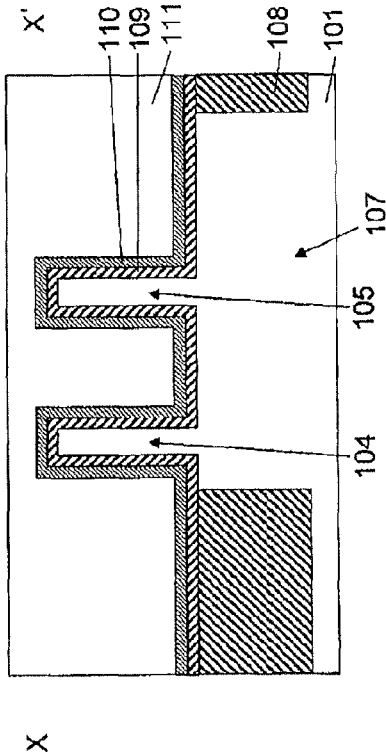
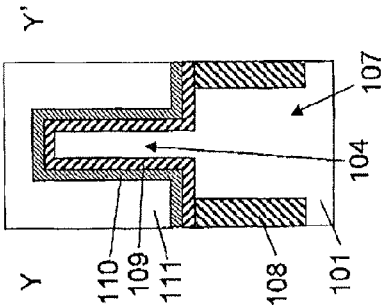


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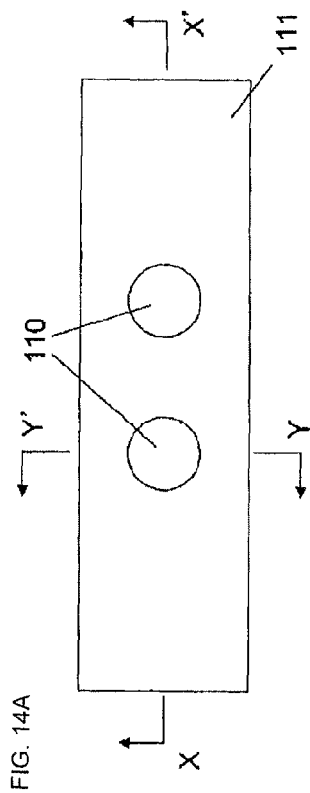


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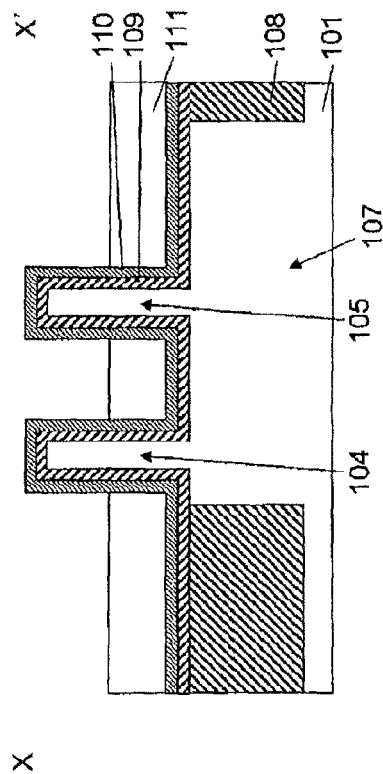


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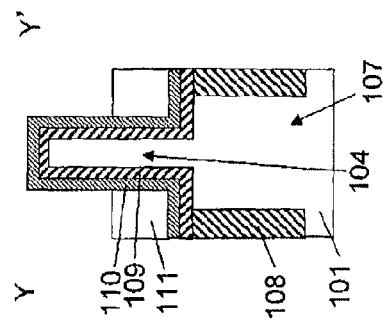


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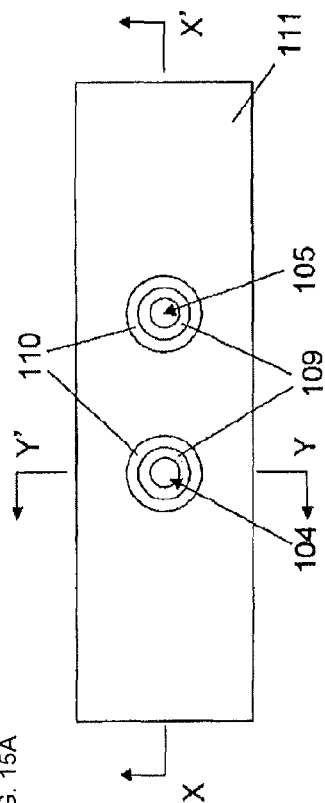


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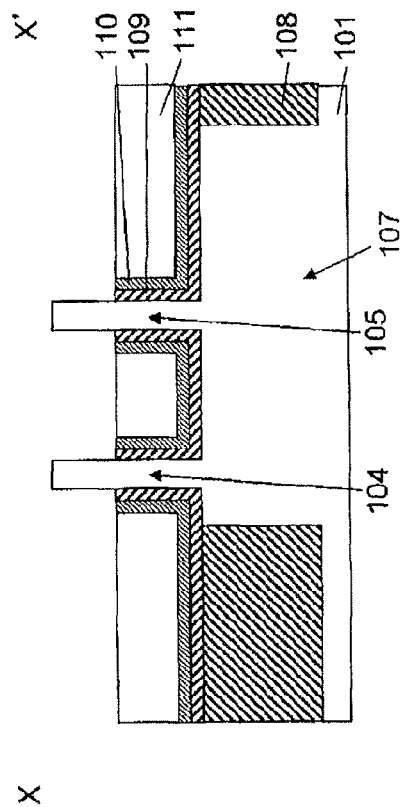
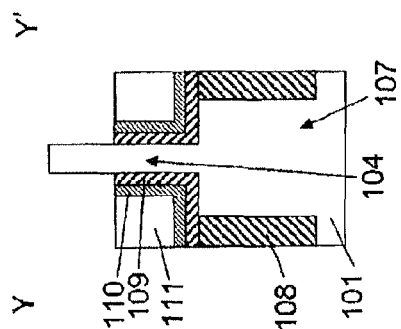


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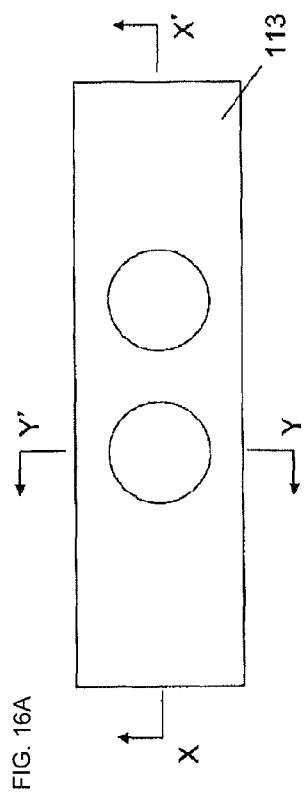


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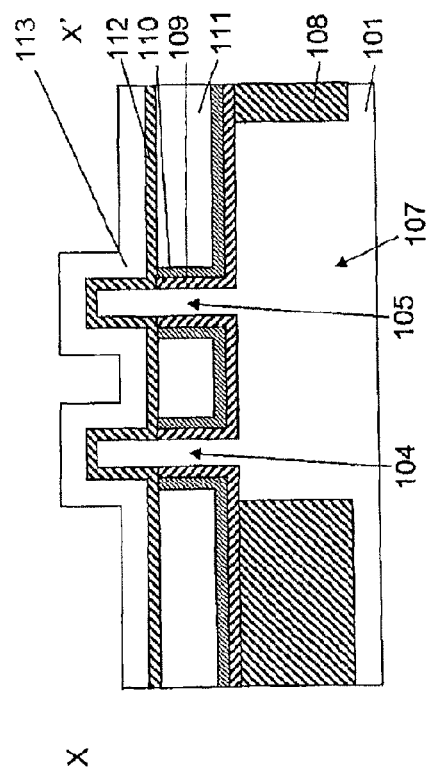
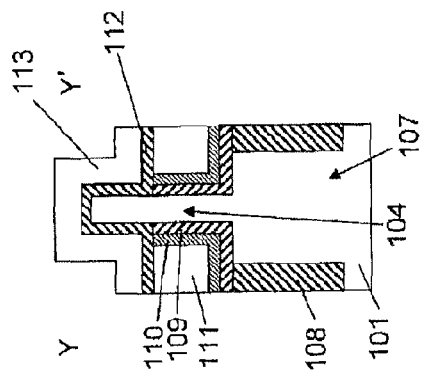
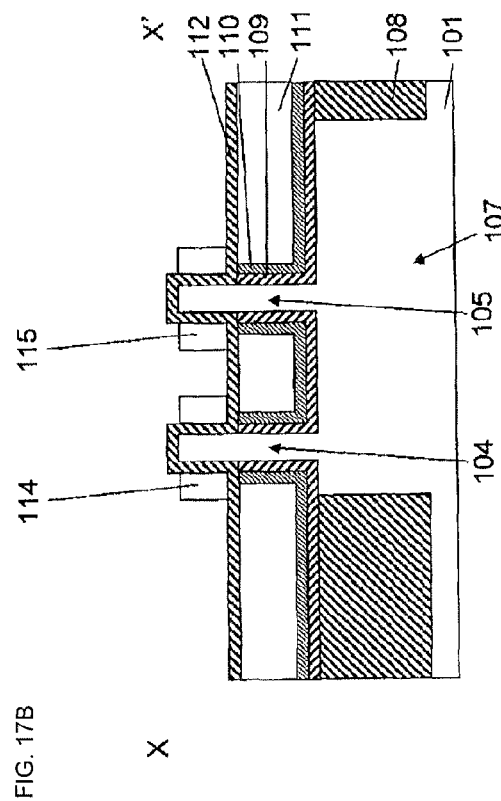
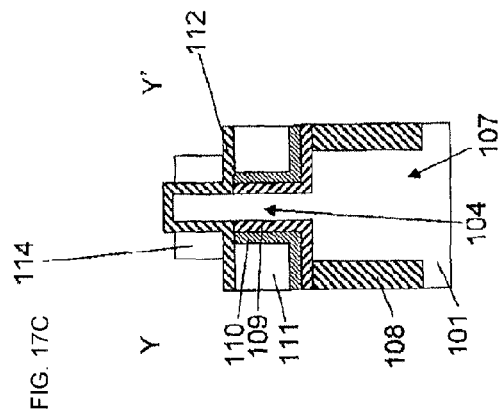
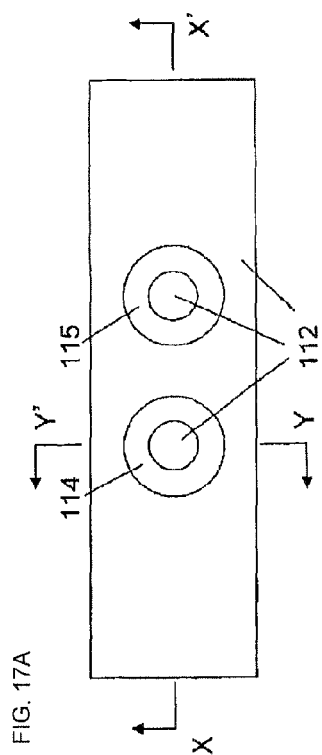
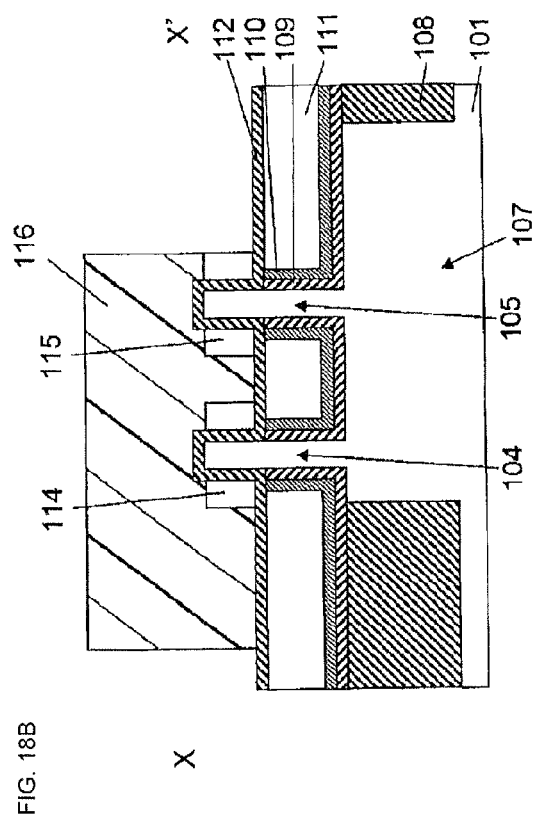
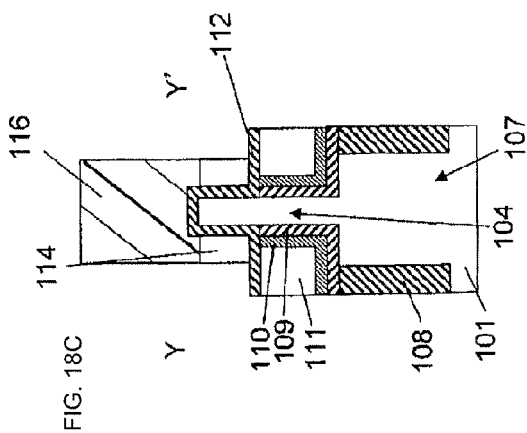
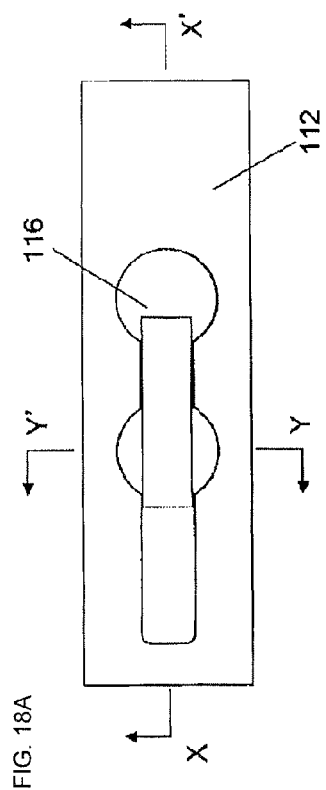
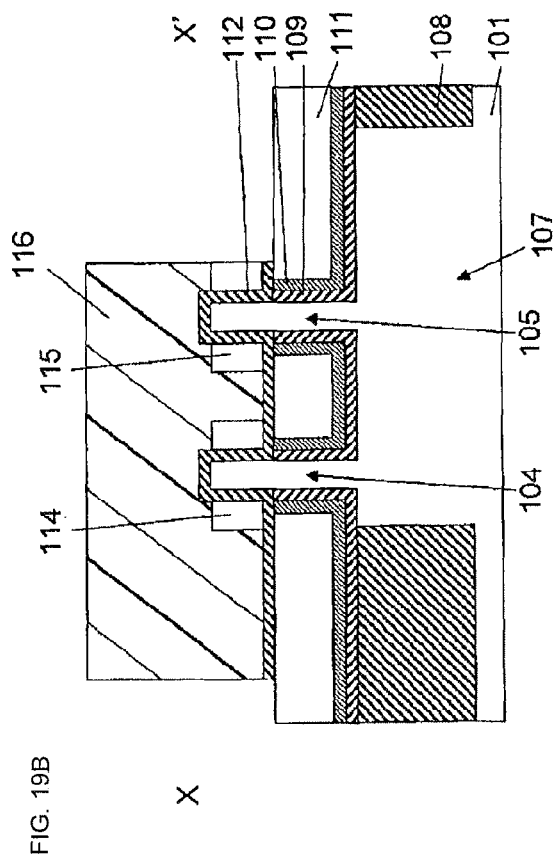
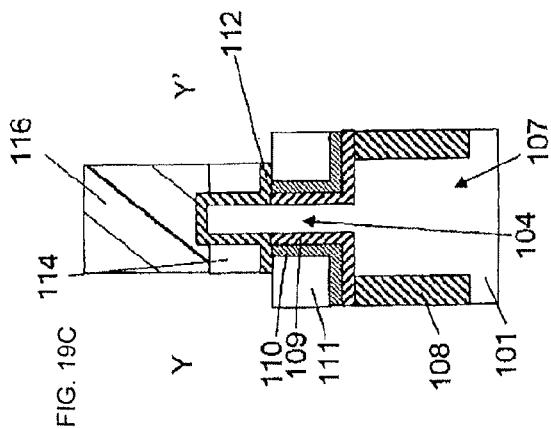
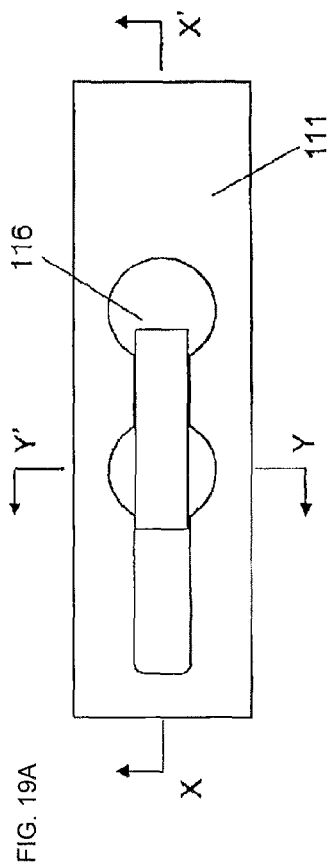


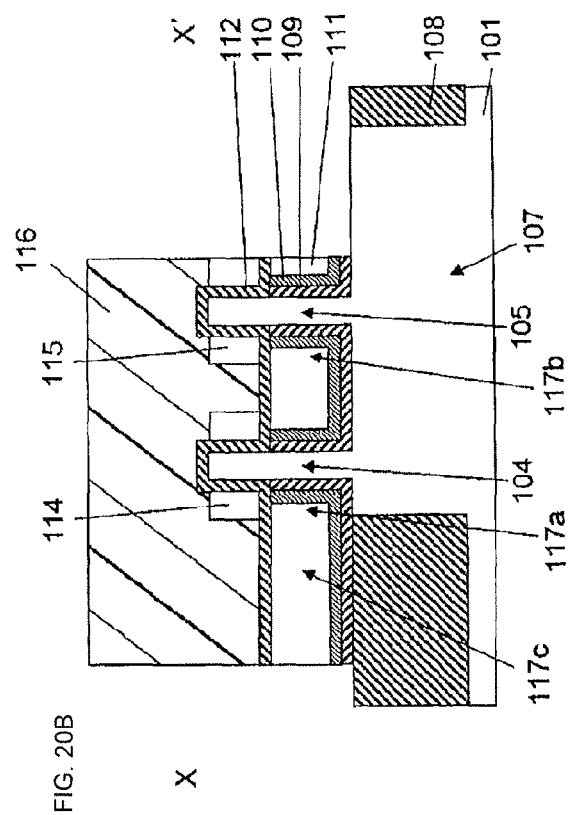
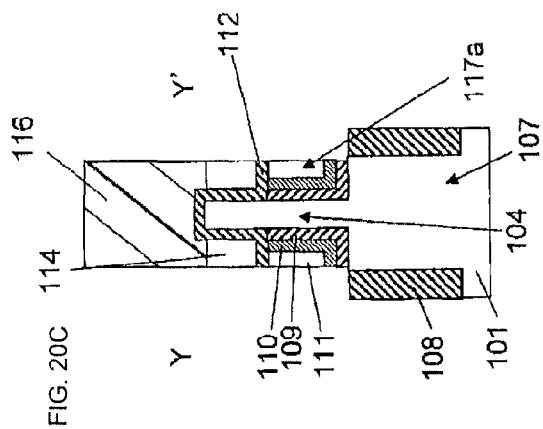
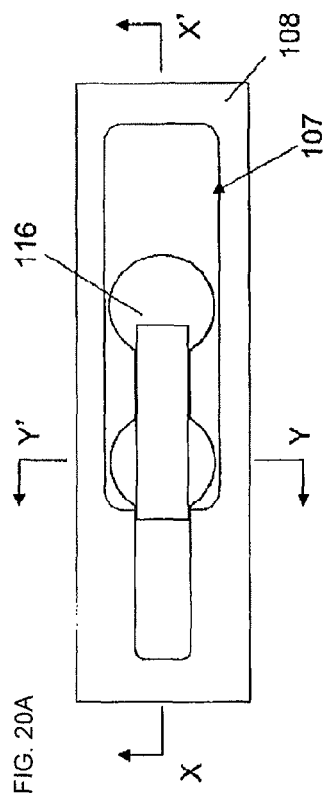
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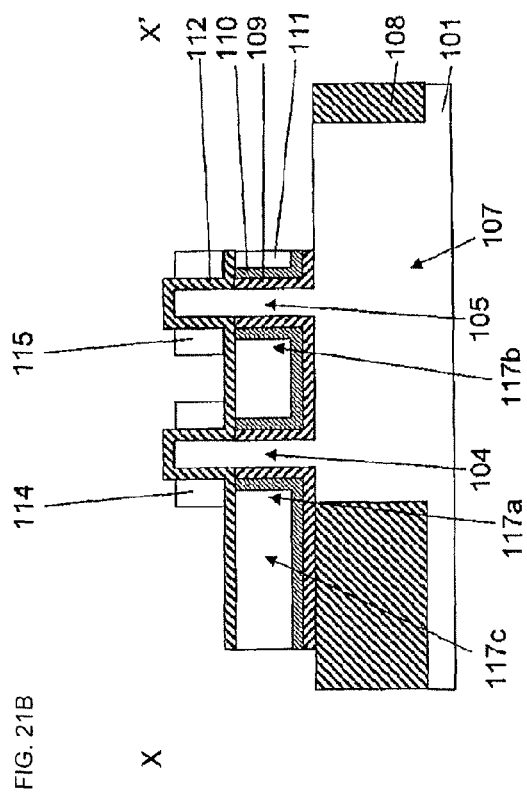
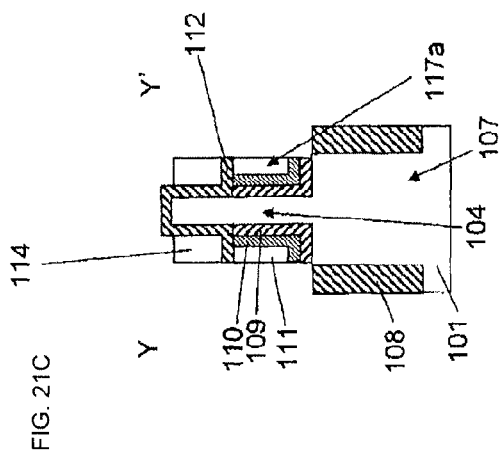
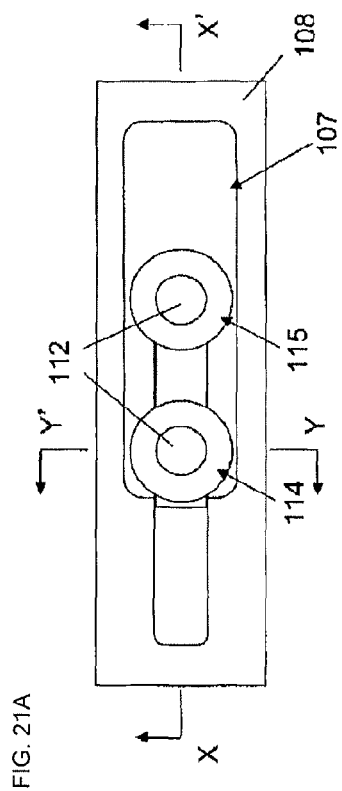


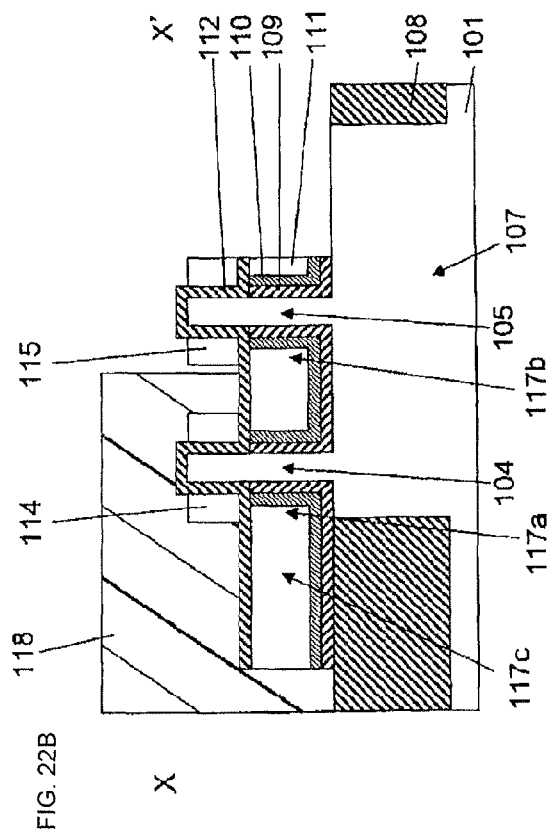
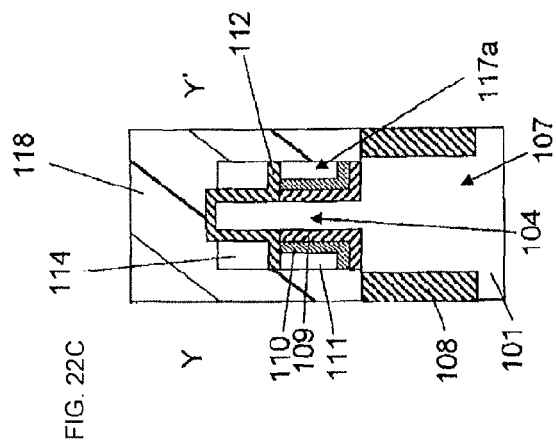
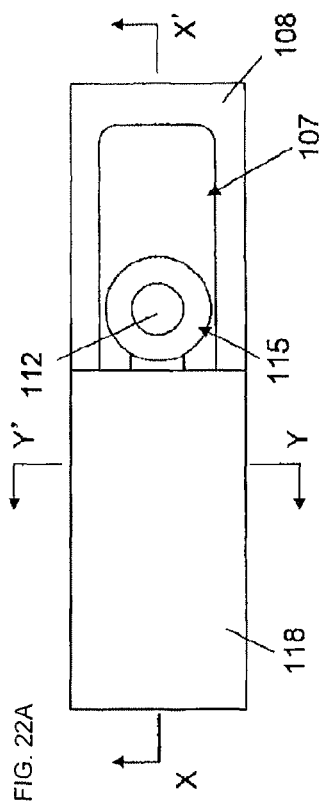


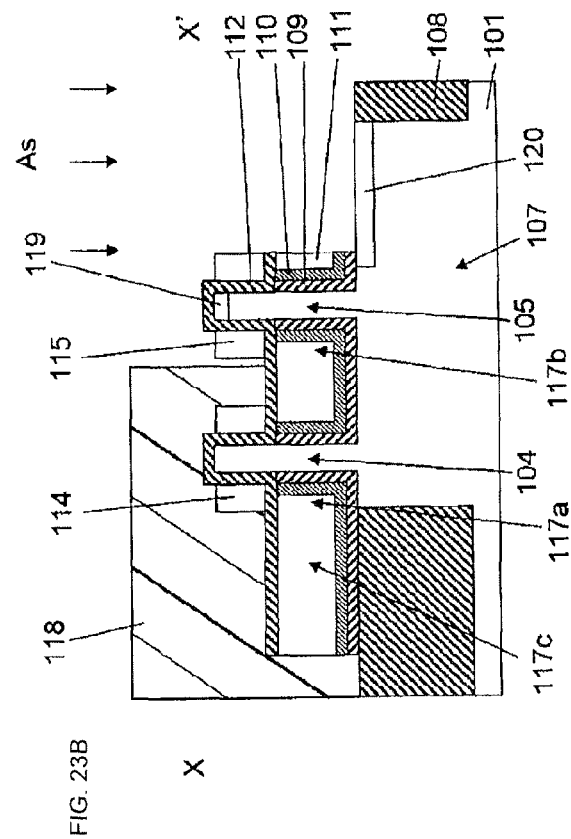
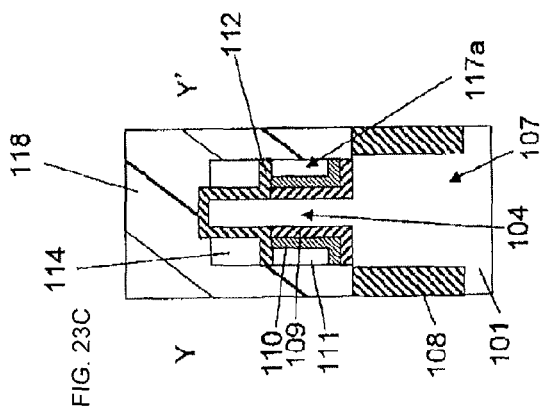
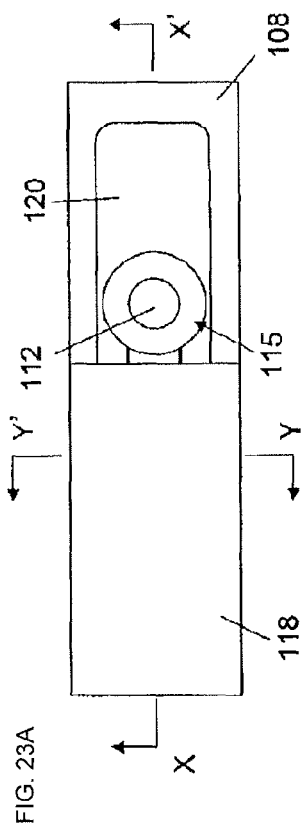


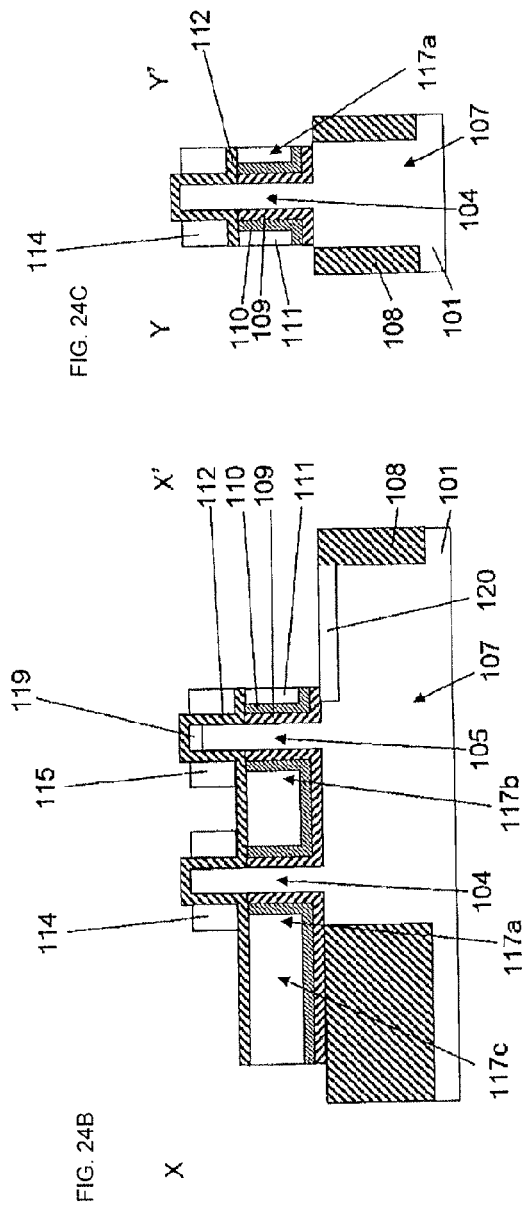
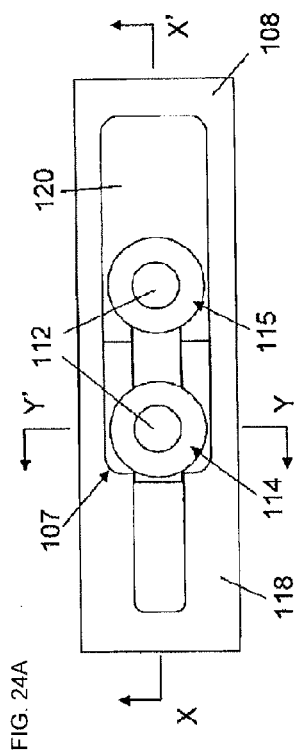


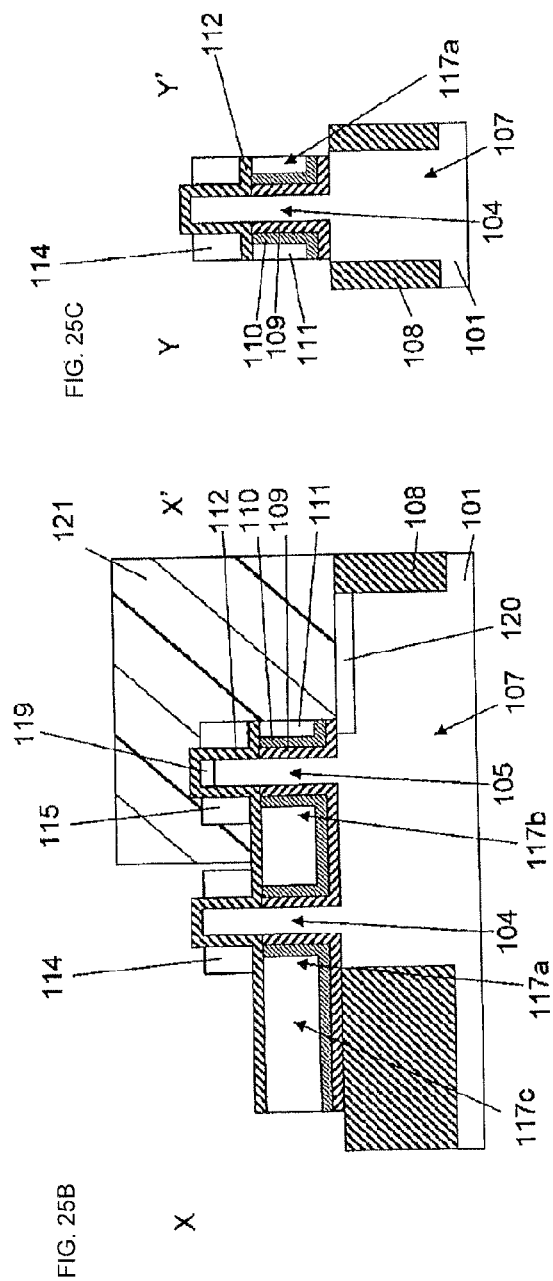
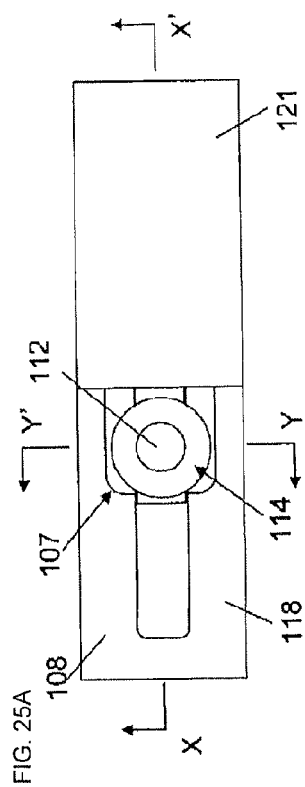


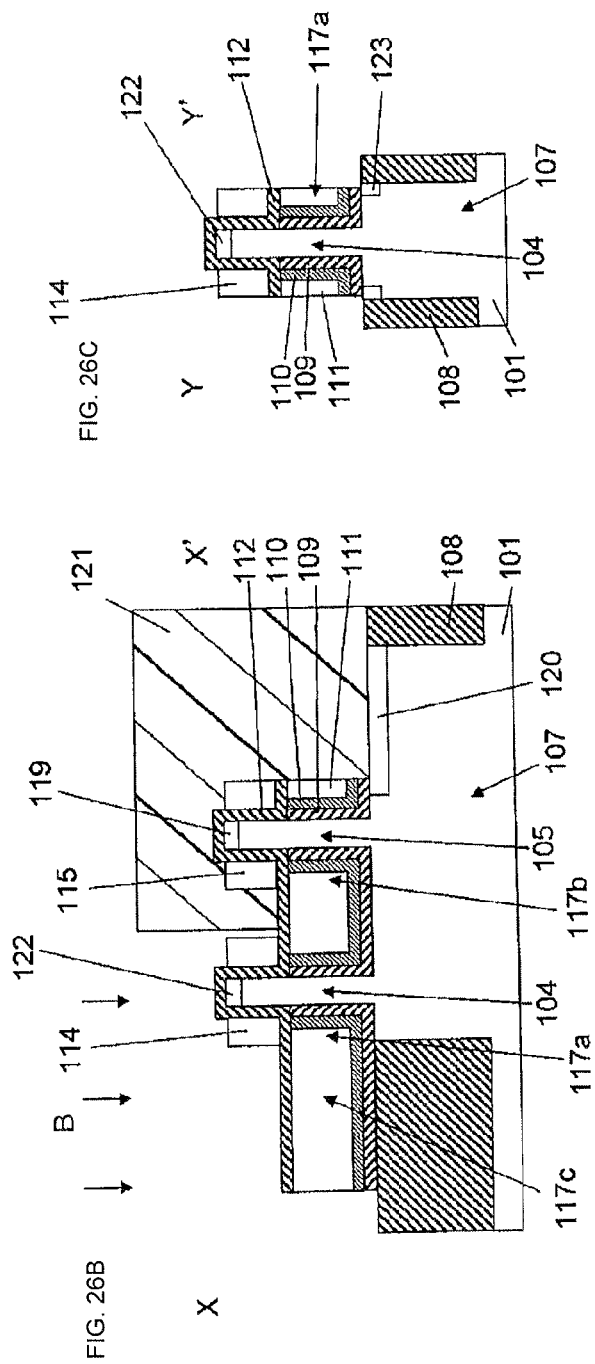
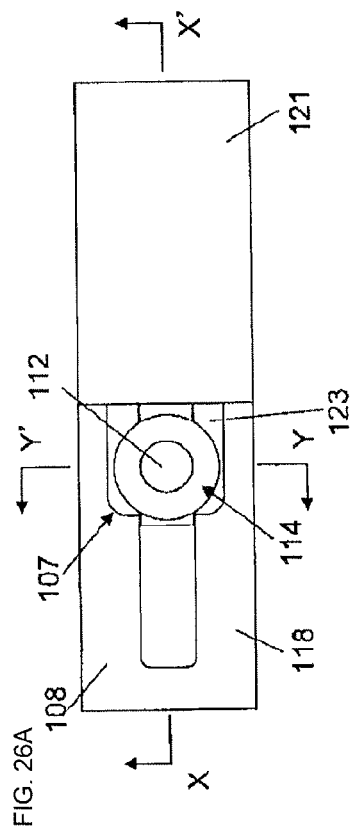


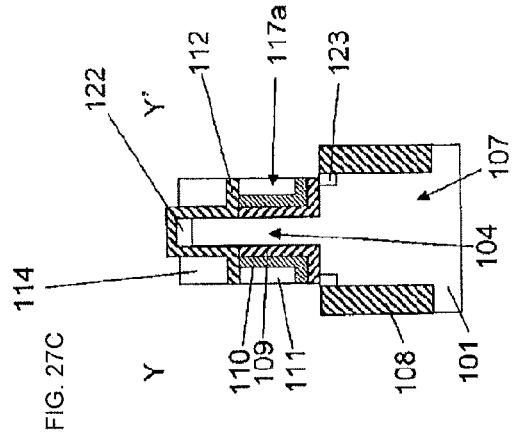
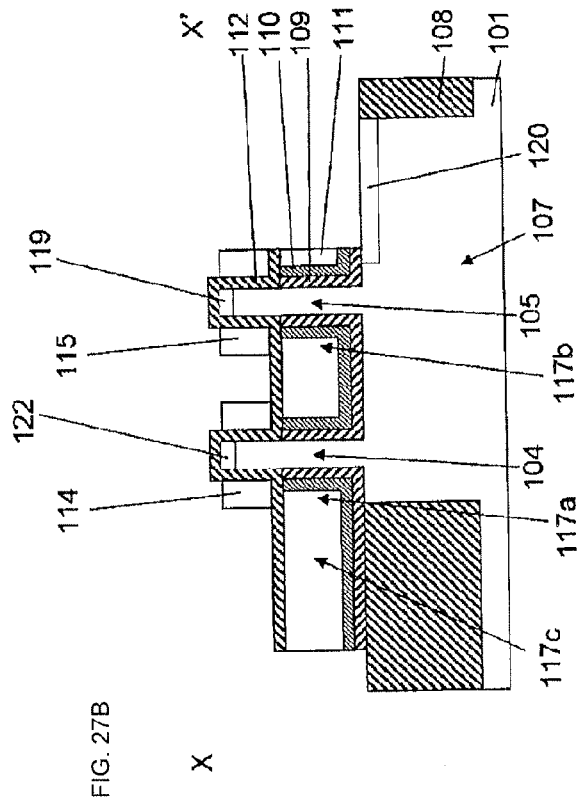
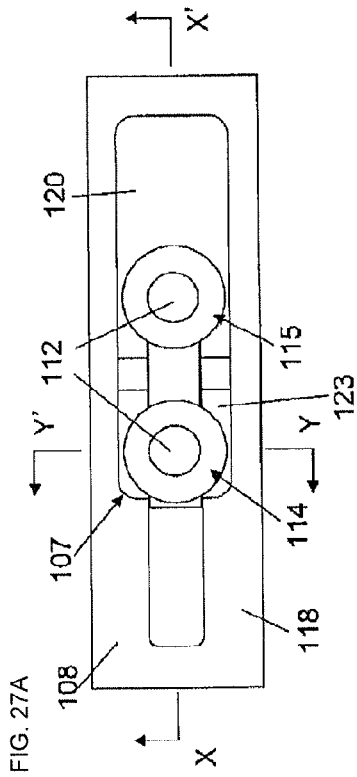


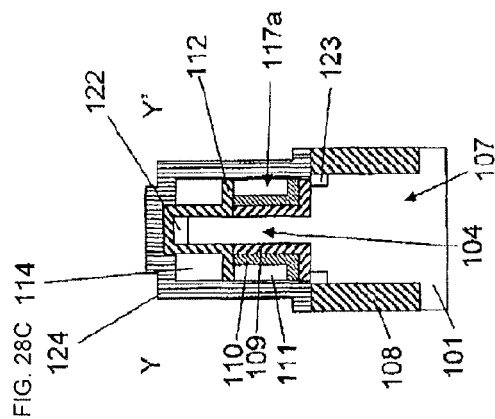
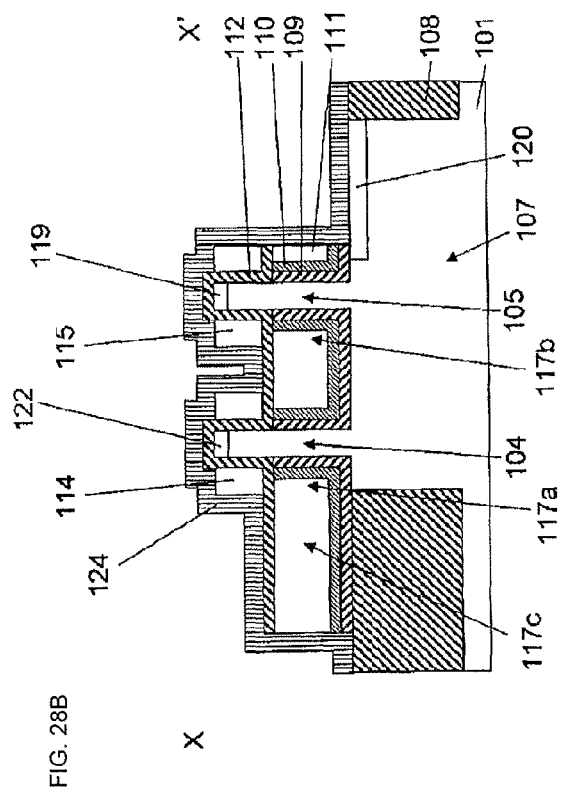
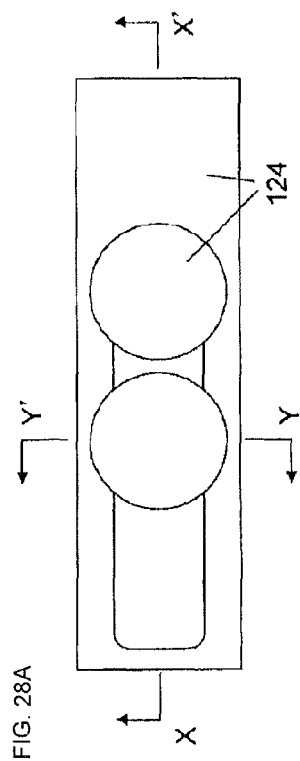


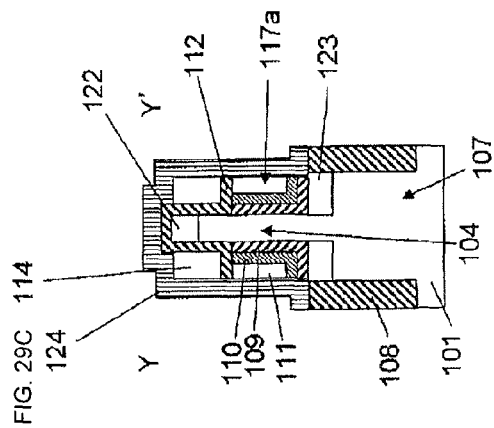
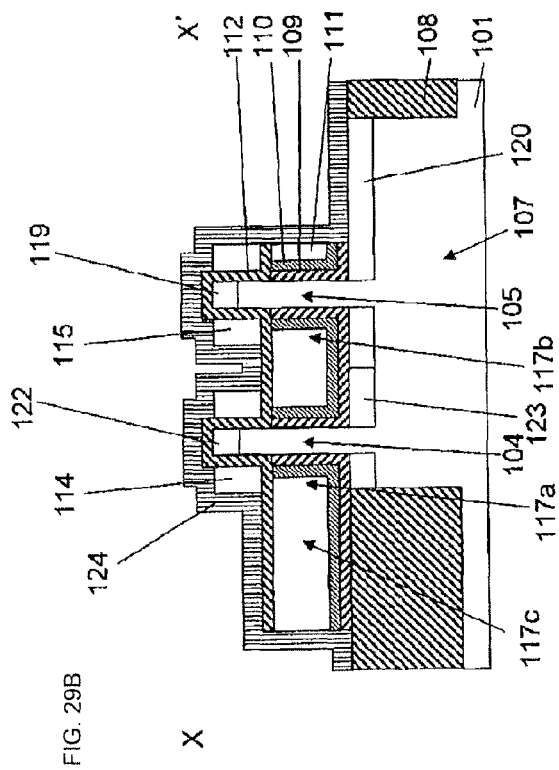
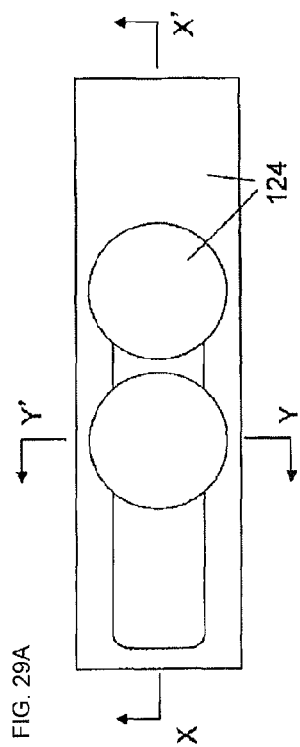


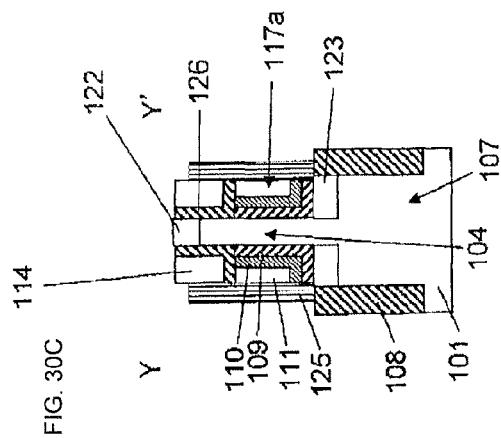
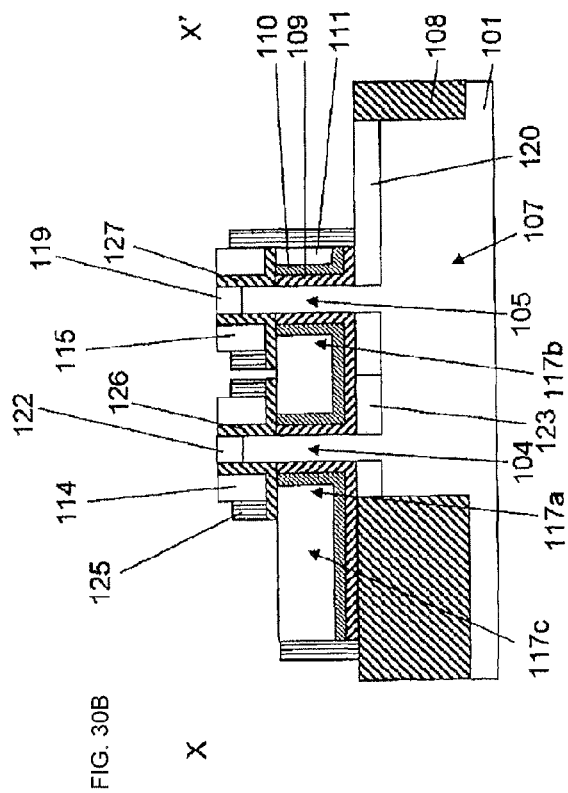
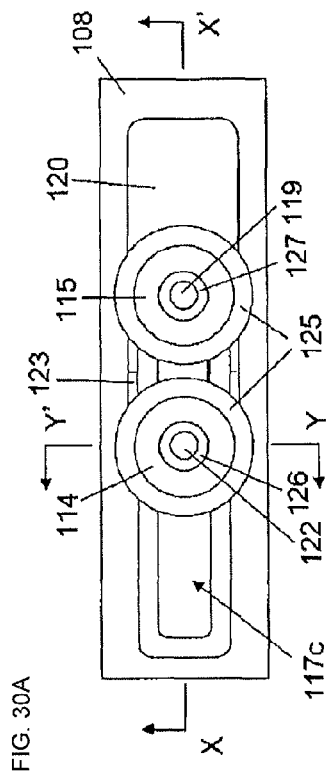


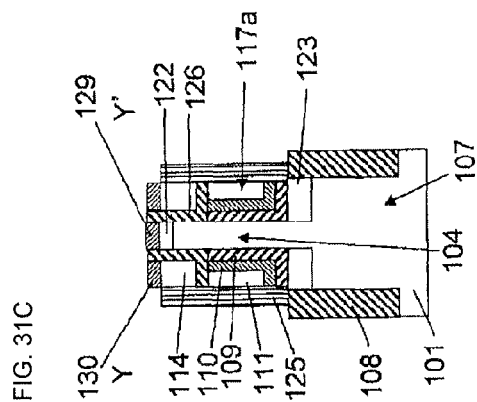
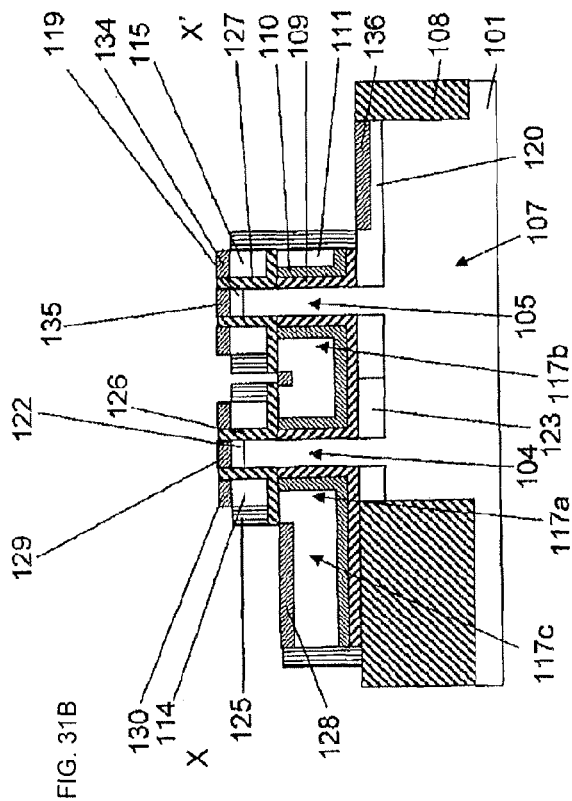
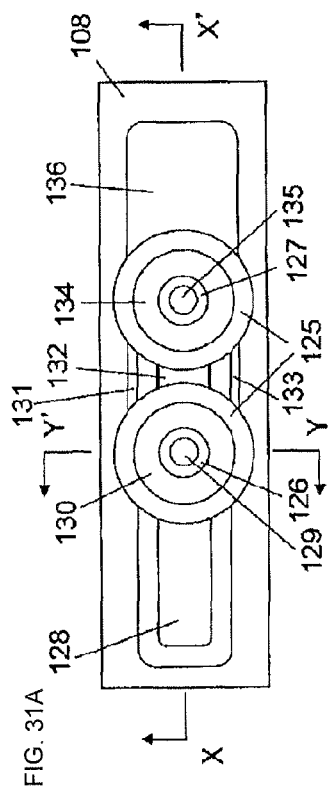


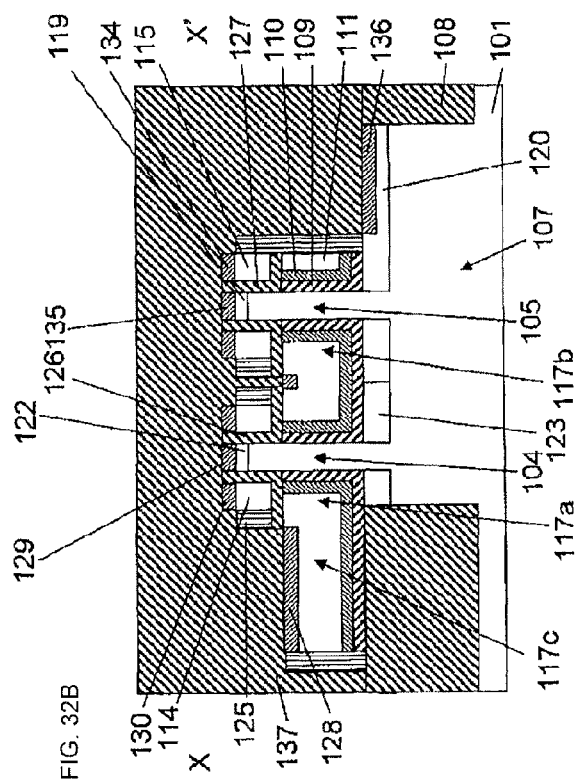
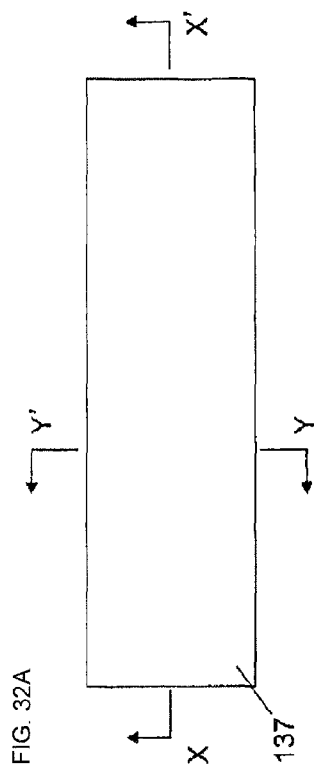


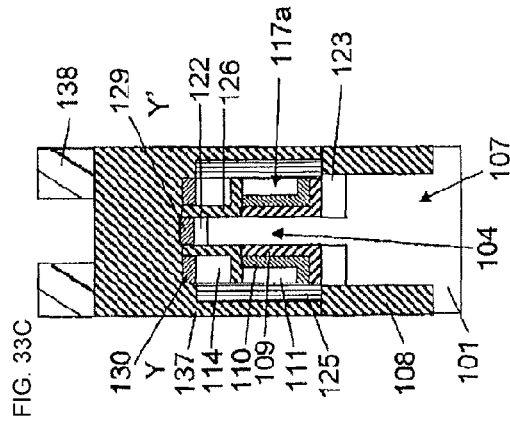
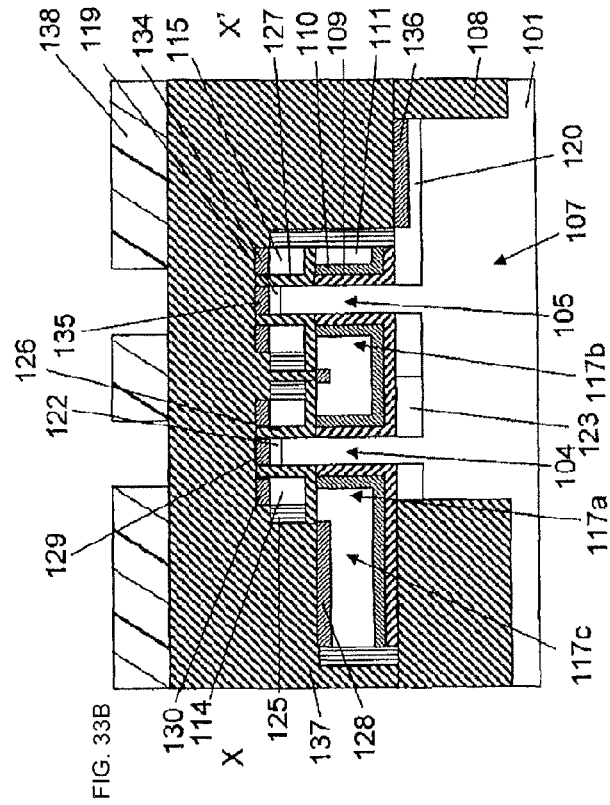
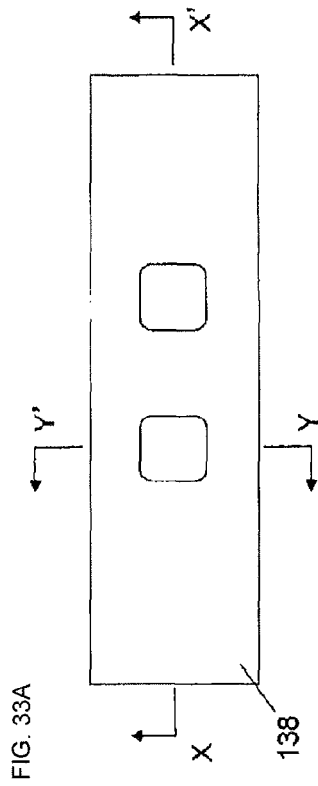


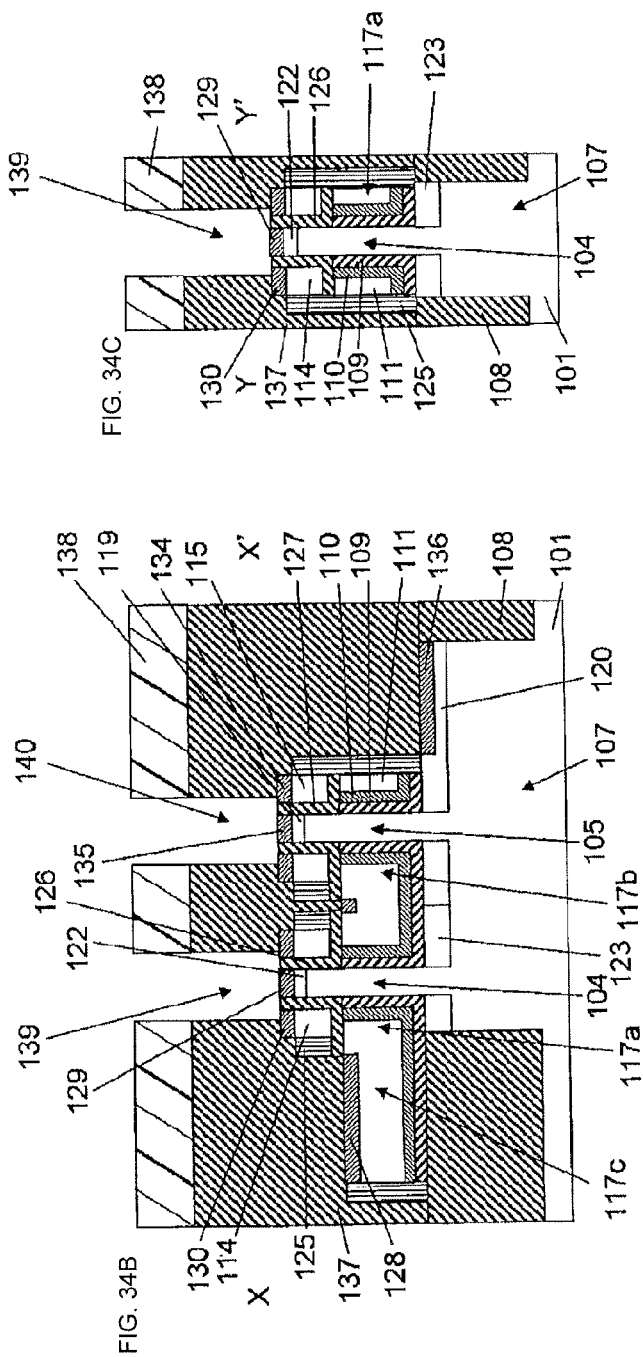
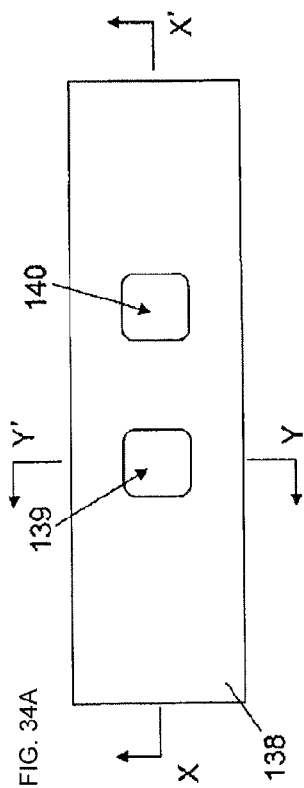












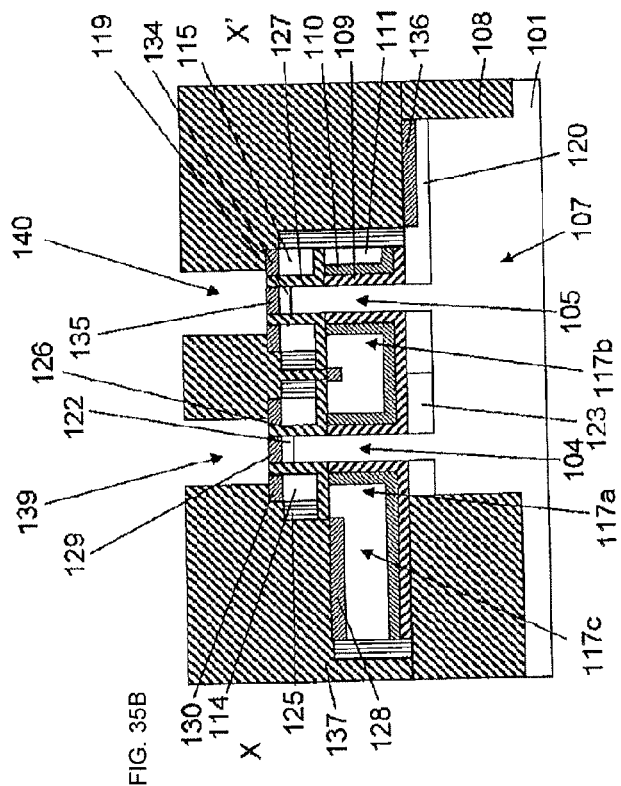
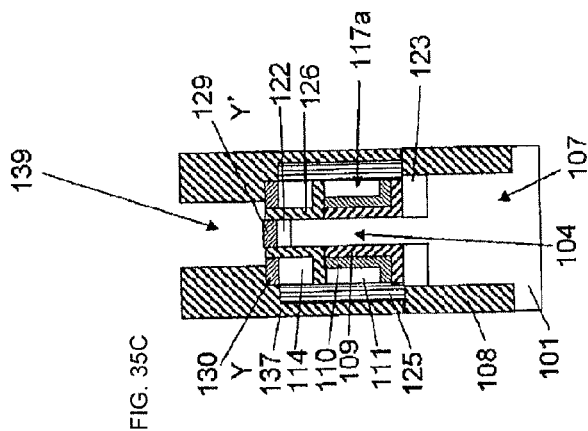
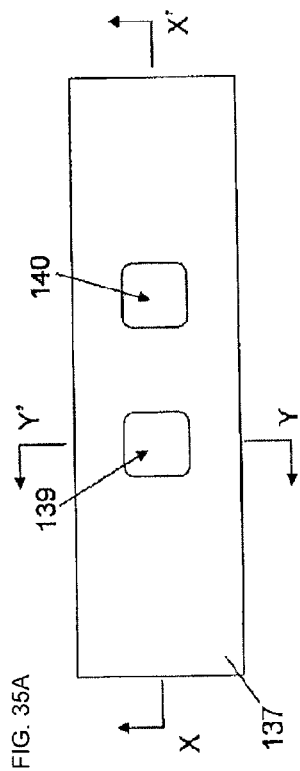


FIG. 36A

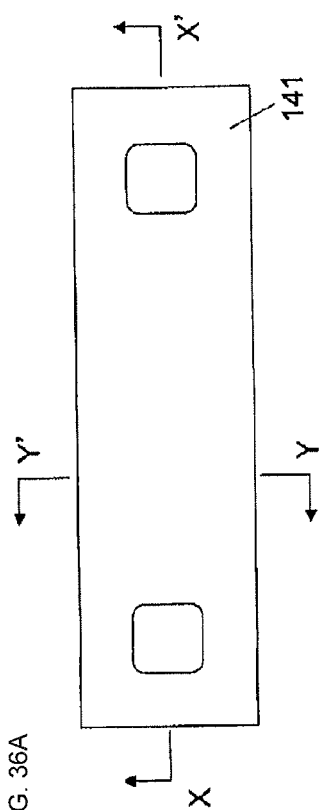


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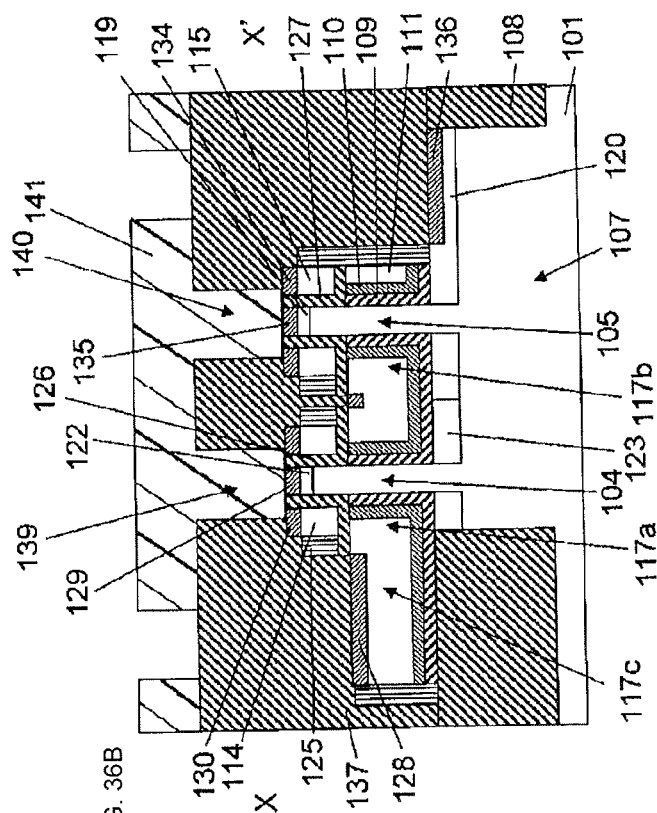
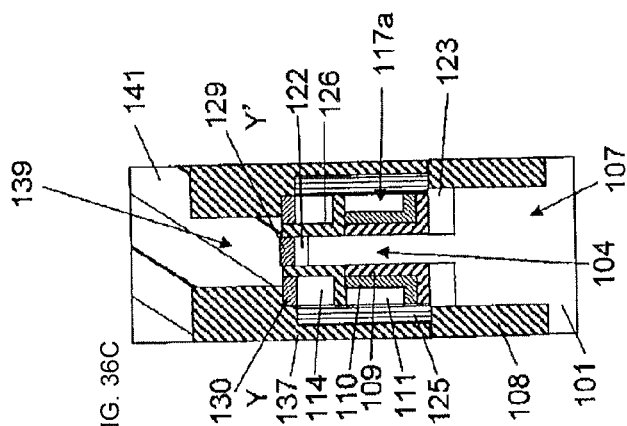
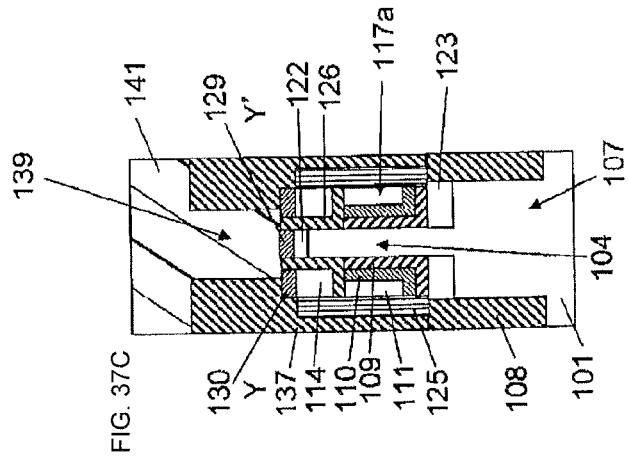
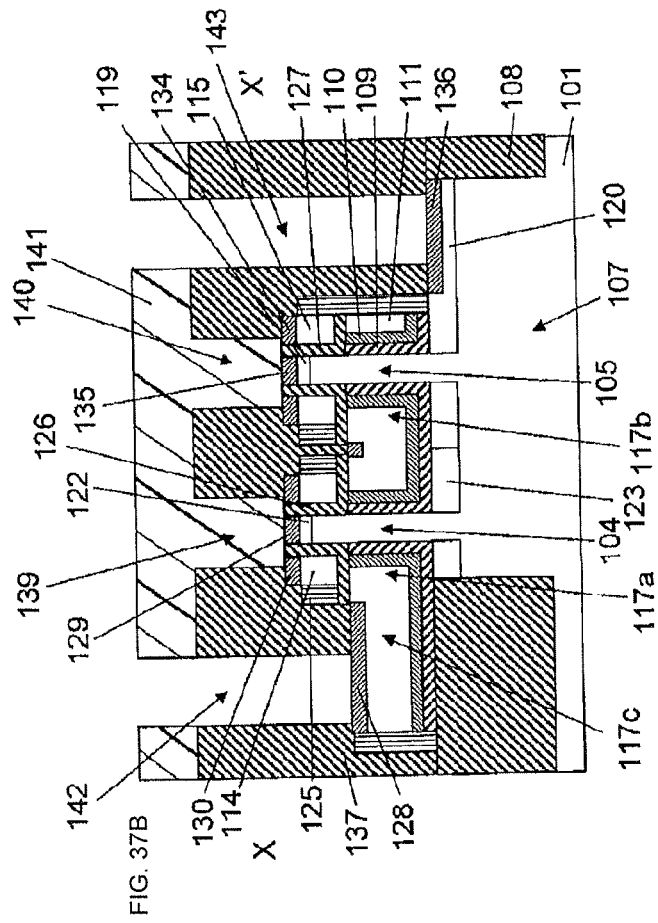
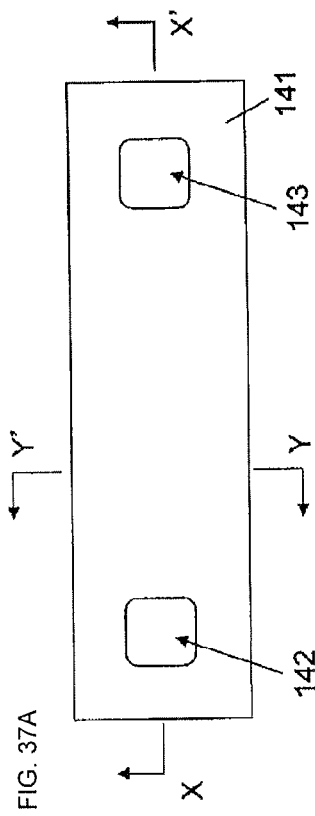


FIG. 36C





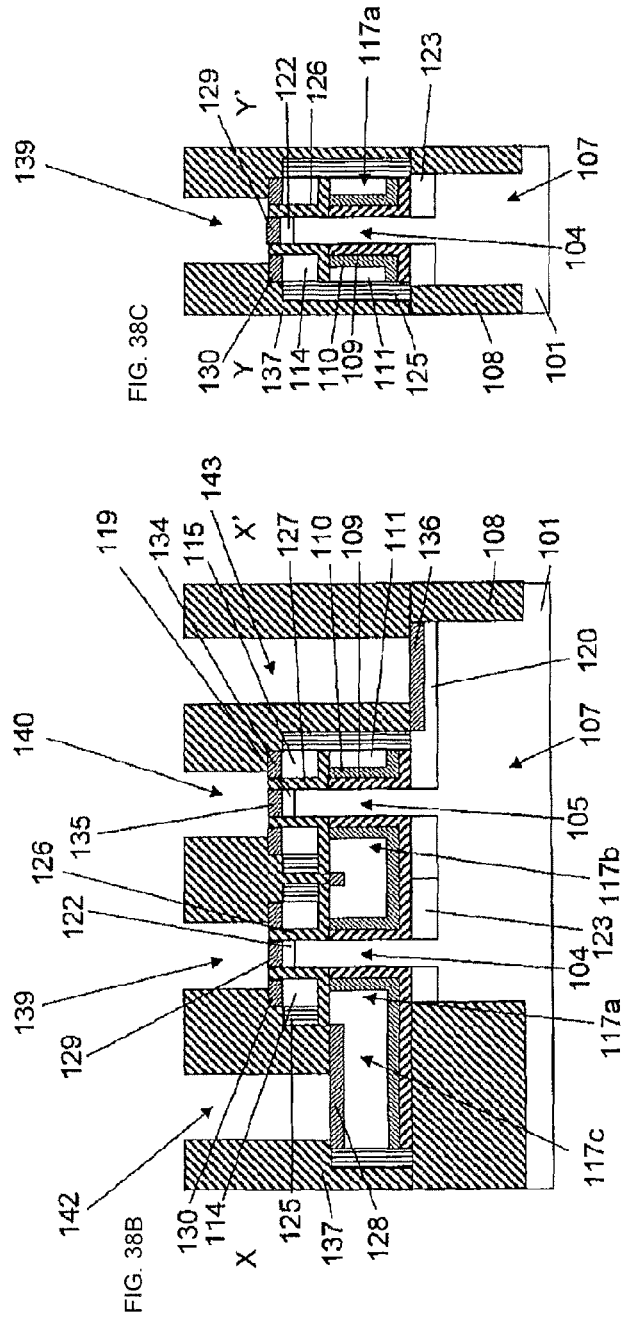
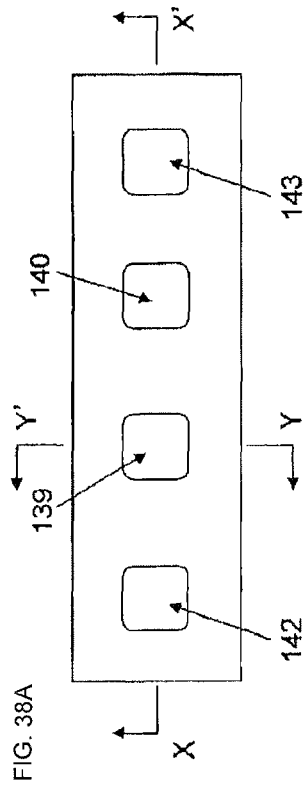


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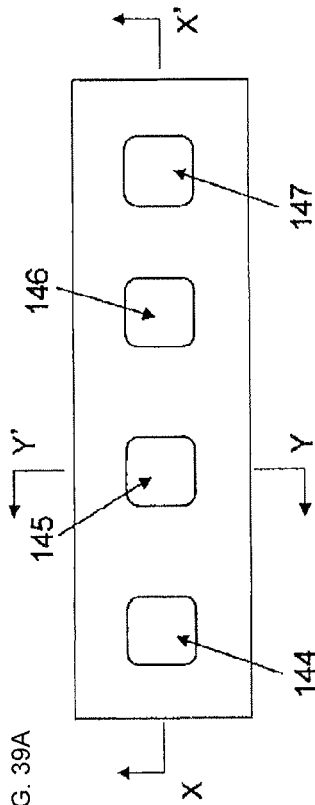


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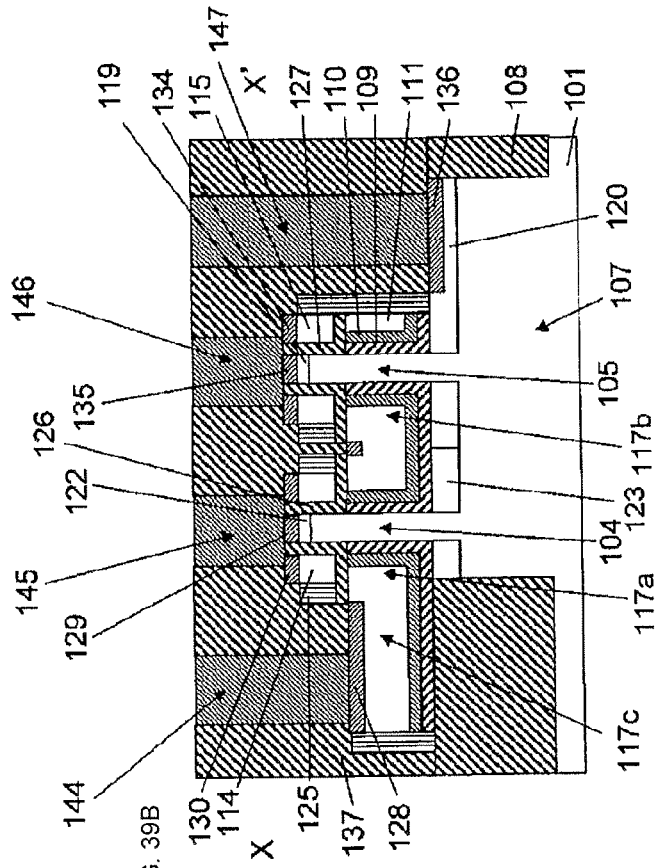
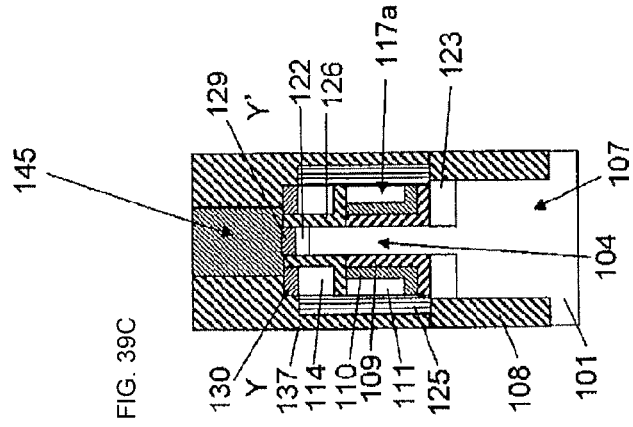
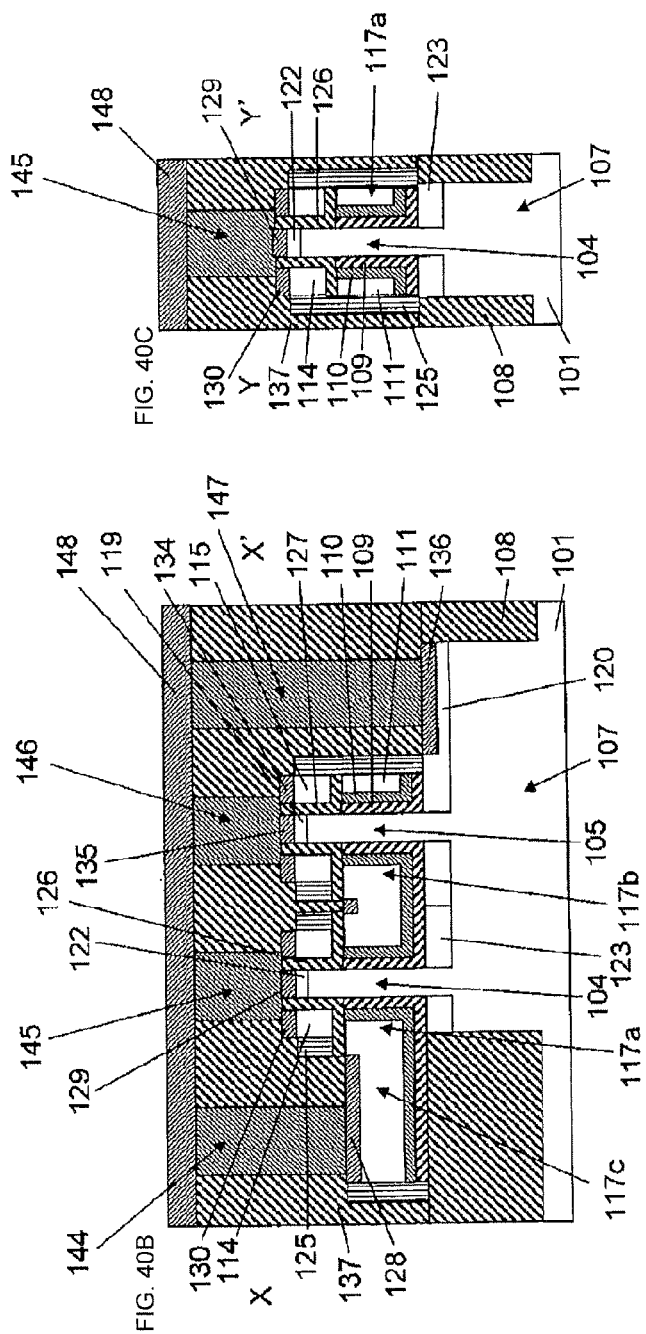
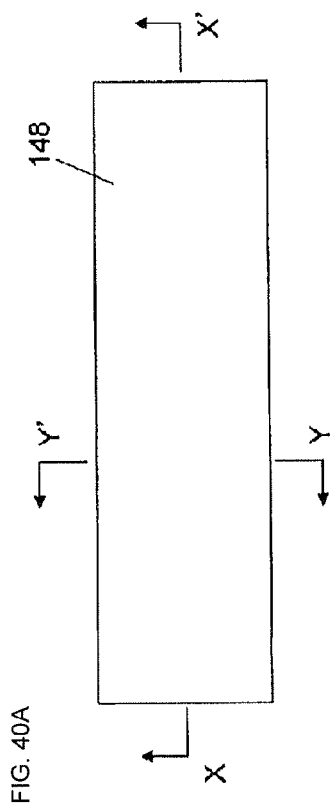
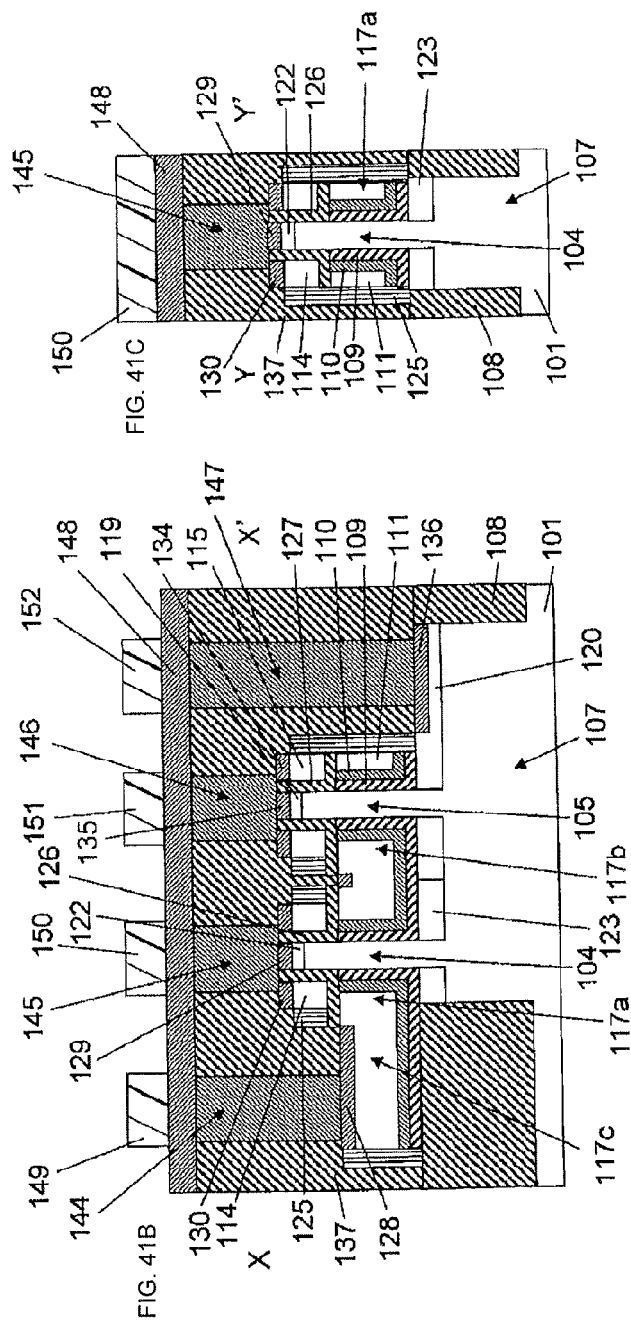
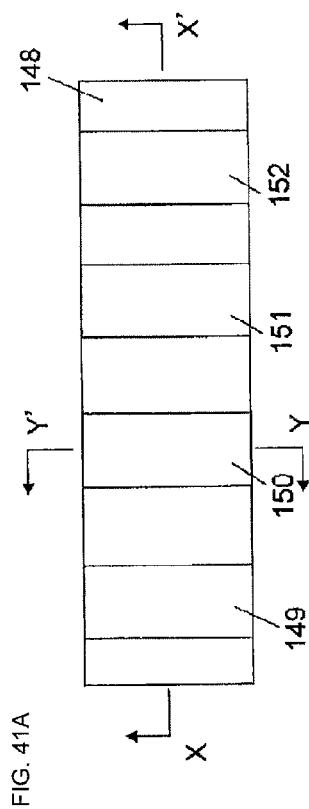
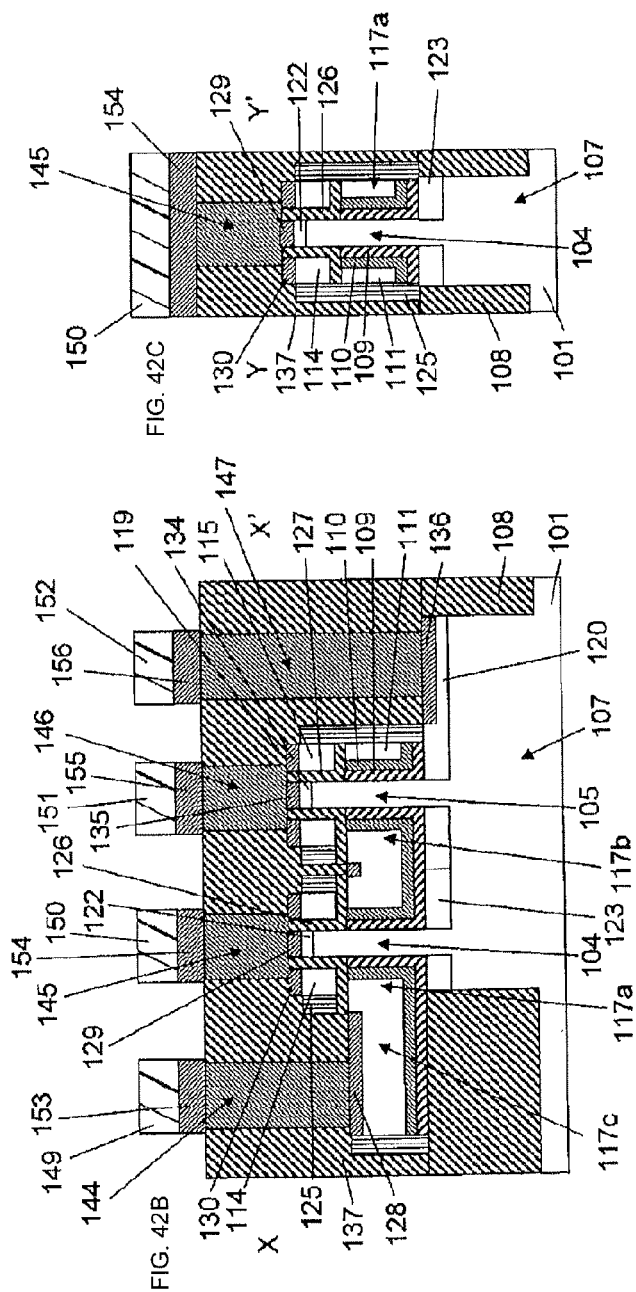
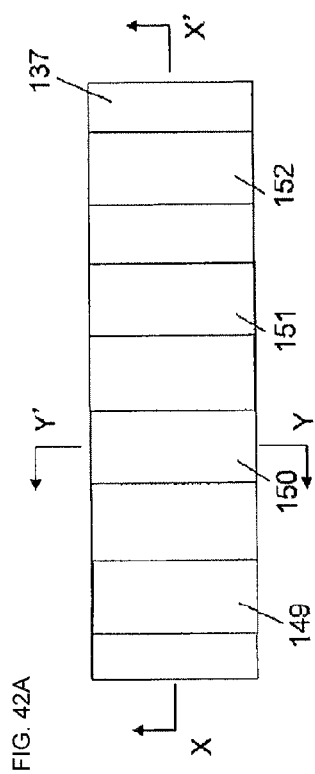


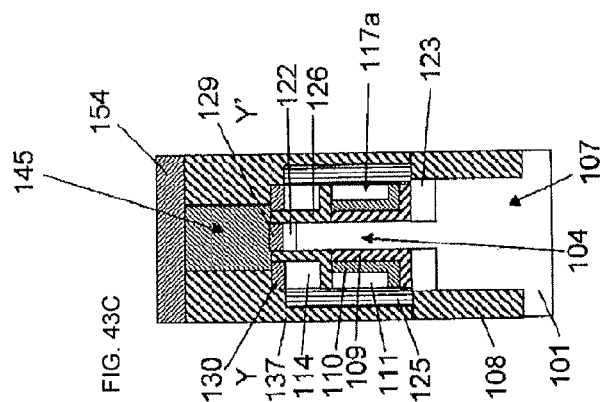
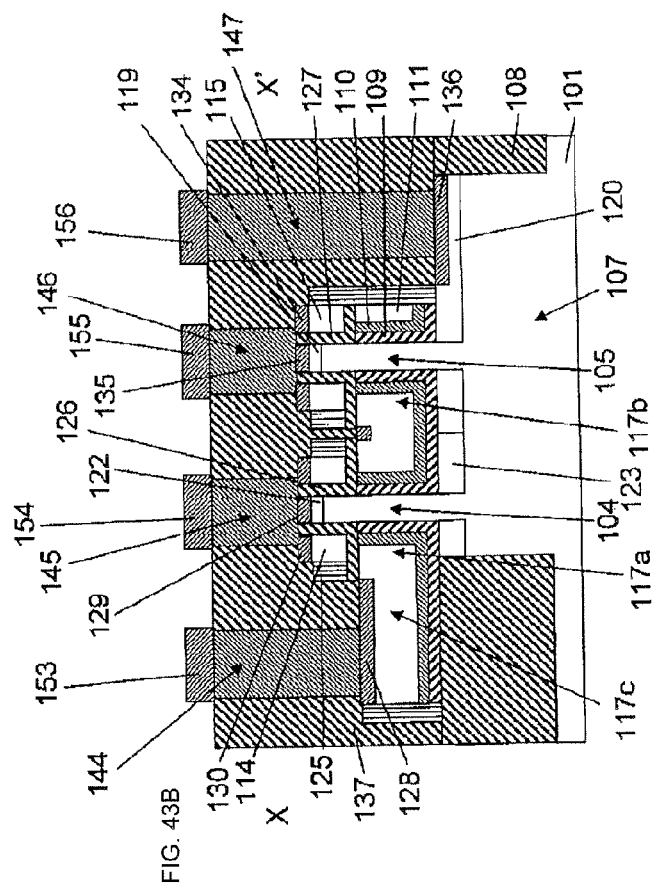
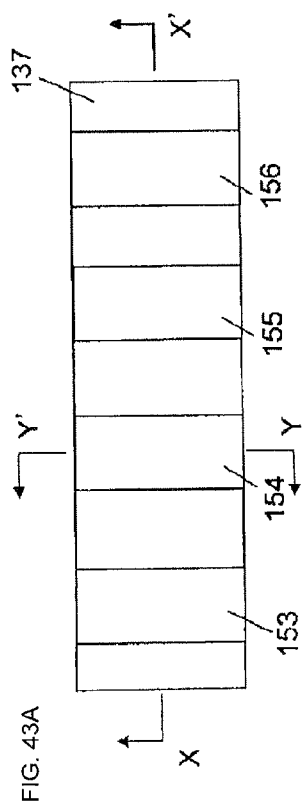
FIG. 39C











SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation patent application of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 14/449,570, filed Aug. 1, 2014, now U.S. Pat. No. 8,890,236, which is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 13/891,584, filed May 10, 2013, now U.S. Pat. No. 8,829,601, which claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Pat. Appl. No. 61/648,183, filed May 17, 2012 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §119(e), the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference.

BACKGROUND

1. Technical Field

The present invention relates to a semiconductor device.

2. Description of the Related Art

Semiconductor integrated circuits, particularly integrated circuits using MOS transistors, are increasing in integration. With increases in integration, MOS transistors used in the integrated circuits increasingly become finer up to a nanometer level. Such finer MOS transistors have difficulty in suppressing leak currents and difficulty in decreasing areas occupied by circuits in view of the demand for securing necessary amounts of currents. In order to resolve the problem, there are proposed surrounding gate transistors (referred to as "SGT" hereinafter) having a structure in which a source, gate, and drain are disposed perpendicularly to a substrate, and a gate electrode surrounds a pillar-shaped semiconductor layer (for example, refer to Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication Nos. 2-715562, 2-188966, and 3-145761).

A conventional SGT manufacturing method includes forming a silicon pillar having a pillar-shaped nitride film hard mask formed thereon, forming a diffusion layer in a lower portion of the silicon pillar, depositing a gate material, planarizing the gate material, etching back the gate material, and forming an insulating film sidewall on sidewalls of the silicon pillar and the nitride film hard mask. Then, a resist pattern for a gate line is formed, the gate material is etched, the nitride film hard mask is removed, and a diffusion layer is formed in an upper portion of the silicon pillar (for example, refer to Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2009-182317). Then, a nitride film sidewall is formed on the sidewall of the silicon pillar, a diffusion layer is formed in an upper portion of the silicon pillar by ion implantation, a nitride film is formed as a contact stopper, an oxide film is formed as an interlayer film, and then contact etching is performed.

It is known that oxide film etching for forming a contact has a high selection ratio to a nitride film in a flat portion, but the selection ratio in a nitride film shoulder portion is lower than that in the flat portion.

Since the diameter of a silicon pillar of SGT decreases with reduction in size, a flat area is decreased. In addition, a nitride film sidewall corresponds to a nitride film shoulder portion, and thus the selection ratio of etching an oxide film is decreased. Therefore, etching an oxide film to form a contact on a silicon pillar is not stopped by a nitride film to form a contact hole which reaches a gate, resulting in short-circuiting between the silicon pillar and the gate.

There is proposed a structure for preventing the occurrence of short-circuiting between a contact and a gate by forming an epitaxial semiconductor layer on a silicon pillar of SGT (refer to, for example, Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 2010-258345). However, epitaxial growth requires insulating film sidewalls to be formed on an upper

sidewall of the silicon pillar and on an upper portion of a gate electrode. When polysilicon is used in a gate, silicon is also grown on the gate. Therefore, epitaxial growth to a height equal to or higher than the height of the insulating film sidewall causes short-circuiting between the gate and an upper portion of the silicon pillar.

On the other hand, the nitride film sidewall is formed on the sidewall of the silicon pillar, and the diffusion layer is formed in an upper portion of the silicon pillar by ion implantation. Therefore, ions are implanted from above into an upper portion of the silicon pillar, and thus a deep diffusion layer is required to be formed. When a deep diffusion layer is formed, the diffusion layer is also widened in the lateral direction. That is, higher integration becomes difficult to achieve.

In addition, when the silicon pillar becomes thin, it is difficult to allow impurities to present in the silicon pillar because the silicon density is $5 \times 10^{22}/\text{cm}^3$.

It is described that in a flat-type MOS transistor, a sidewall of a LDD region is composed of polycrystal silicon having the same conductivity type as a low-concentration layer, and surface carriers of the LDD region are induced by a difference in work function, thereby decreasing the impedance of the LDD region as compared an oxide film sidewall LDD-type MOS transistor (refer to, for example, Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 11-297984). It is also described that the polycrystal silicon sidewall is electrically insulated from the gate electrode. Also, drawings show that the polycrystal silicon sidewall is insulated from source/drain through an interlayer insulating film.

SUMMARY

Accordingly, an object of the present invention is to provide a SGT structure having a structure for decreasing the resistance of an upper portion of a silicon pillar and a method for manufacturing the SGT.

A semiconductor device according to an embodiment of the present invention includes a pillar-shaped silicon layer; a first-conductivity-type diffusion layer in an upper portion of the pillar-shaped silicon layer; and a sidewall having a laminated structure comprising an insulating film and polysilicon, the sidewall on an upper sidewall of the pillar-shaped silicon layer, wherein a top of the polysilicon of the sidewall is electrically connected to a top of the first-conductivity-type diffusion layer, and the polysilicon of the first sidewall comprises polysilicon of the first conductivity type.

A semiconductor device according to another embodiment of the present invention includes:

- a planar silicon layer formed on a silicon substrate;
- a first pillar-shaped silicon layer formed on the planar silicon layer;
- a gate insulating film formed around the first pillar-shaped silicon layer;
- a first gate electrode formed around the gate insulating film;
- a gate line connected to the first gate electrode;
- a first first-conductivity-type diffusion layer formed in an upper portion of the first pillar-shaped silicon layer;
- a second first-conductivity-type diffusion layer formed in a lower portion of the first pillar-shaped silicon layer and in an upper portion of the planar silicon layer;
- a first sidewall having a laminated structure of an insulating film and polysilicon and being formed on an upper sidewall of the first pillar-shaped silicon layer and on an upper portion of the first gate electrode; and
- a first contact formed on the first first-conductivity-type diffusion layer and the first sidewall,

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wherein the first contact is connected to the polysilicon of the first sidewall; and the conductivity type of the polysilicon of the first sidewall is the first conductivity type.

The semiconductor device preferably includes a first silicide formed on the first first-conductivity-type diffusion layer and on the first sidewall.

The lower surface of the first first-conductivity-type diffusion layer is preferably higher than the upper surface of the first gate electrode.

The first gate electrode preferably has a laminated structure of a metal and polysilicon.

A semiconductor device according to yet another embodiment of the present invention further includes, in the semiconductor device according to the first embodiment:

- the planar silicon layer formed on the silicon substrate;
- a second pillar-shaped silicon layer formed on the planar silicon layer;
- the gate insulating film formed around the second pillar-shaped silicon layer;
- a second gate electrode formed around the gate insulating film;
- the gate line connected to the second gate electrode;
- a first second-conductivity-type diffusion layer formed in an upper portion of the second pillar-shaped silicon layer;
- a second second-conductivity-type diffusion layer formed in a lower portion of the second pillar-shaped silicon layer and in an upper portion of the planar silicon layer;
- a second sidewall having a laminated structure of an insulating film and polysilicon and being formed on an upper sidewall of the second pillar-shaped silicon layer and on an upper portion of the second gate electrode; and
- a second contact formed on the first second-conductivity-type diffusion layer and on the second sidewall, wherein the second contact is connected to the polysilicon of the second sidewall; and
- the conductivity type of the polysilicon of the second sidewall is the second conductivity type.

The semiconductor device preferably includes a first silicide formed on the first first-conductivity-type diffusion layer and on the first sidewall, and a second silicide formed on the first second-conductivity-type diffusion layer and on the second sidewall.

The lower surface of the first first-conductivity-type diffusion layer is preferably higher than the upper surface of the first gate electrode, and the lower surface of the first second-conductivity-type diffusion layer is preferably higher than the upper surface of the second gate electrode.

The first gate electrode preferably has a laminated structure of a metal and polysilicon, and the second gate electrode preferably has a laminated structure of a metal and polysilicon.

The first sidewall can be formed by depositing the insulating film and the polysilicon on the first pillar-shaped silicon layer and etching the polysilicon to leave it as a sidewall.

According to the present invention, contact etching is stopped by the polysilicon of the first sidewall having a laminated structure including the insulating film and the polysilicon and formed on an upper sidewall of the first pillar-shaped silicon layer and an upper portion of the first gate electrode. Since the insulating film of the first sidewall is thin and held in the polysilicon, the etching rate is decreased to stop contact etching by the first sidewall. Therefore, the height from the upper surface of the first first-conductivity-type diffusion layer to the upper surface of the first gate electrode can be decreased.

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Also since the conductivity type of the polysilicon of the first sidewall is the first conductivity type, surface carriers are induced by a difference in work function, and thus the resistance in an upper portion of a pillar-shaped silicon layer can be decreased. For example, when the first sidewall is n+ type, and the pillar-shaped silicon layer has a low impurity concentration, a transistor composed of the first sidewall and the pillar-shaped silicon layer is turned on when a voltage applied to the first sidewall through the contact is 0 V.

As described above, when the lower surface of the first first-conductivity-type diffusion layer is higher than the upper surface of the first gate electrode, a channel of the transistor can be electrically connected to the first first-conductivity-type diffusion layer.

When an impurity is introduced so that the lower surface of the first first-conductivity-type diffusion layer is higher than the upper surface of the first gate electrode, a shallow junction is formed, thereby reducing the widening of the diffusion layer in the lateral direction. That is, higher integration can be realized.

The polysilicon of the first sidewall is formed on an upper sidewall of the pillar-shaped silicon layer, and thus the first sidewall has a larger diameter than that of the pillar-shaped silicon layer. Although the pillar-shaped silicon layer becomes thin and thus has difficulty in implanting impurities in the pillar-shaped silicon layer, impurities can be implanted into the polysilicon of the first sidewall. Therefore, a channel of the transistor can be electrically connected to the first first-conductivity-type diffusion layer.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

FIG. 1A is a plan view of a semiconductor device according to an embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 1B is a cross-sectional view taken along line X-X' in FIG. 1A. FIG. 1C is a cross-sectional view taken along line Y-Y' in FIG. 1A.

FIG. 2A is a plan view of a method for manufacturing a semiconductor device according to an embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 2B is a cross-sectional view taken along line X-X' in FIG. 2A. FIG. 2C is a cross-sectional view taken along line Y-Y' in FIG. 2A.

FIG. 3A is a plan view of a method for manufacturing a semiconductor device according to an embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 3B is a cross-sectional view taken along line X-X' in FIG. 3A. FIG. 3C is a cross-sectional view taken along line Y-Y' in FIG. 3A.

FIG. 4A is a plan view of a method for manufacturing a semiconductor device according to an embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 4B is a cross-sectional view taken along line X-X' in FIG. 4A. FIG. 4C is a cross-sectional view taken along line Y-Y' in FIG. 4A.

FIG. 5A is a plan view of a method for manufacturing a semiconductor device according to an embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 5B is a cross-sectional view taken along line X-X' in FIG. 5A. FIG. 5C is a cross-sectional view taken along line Y-Y' in FIG. 5A.

FIG. 6A is a plan view of a method for manufacturing a semiconductor device according to an embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 6B is a cross-sectional view taken along line X-X' in FIG. 6A. FIG. 6C is a cross-sectional view taken along line Y-Y' in FIG. 6A.

FIG. 7A is a plan view of a method for manufacturing a semiconductor device according to an embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 7B is a cross-sectional view taken along line X-X' in FIG. 7A. FIG. 7C is a cross-sectional view taken along line Y-Y' in FIG. 7A.

FIG. 21A is a plan view of a method for manufacturing a semiconductor device according to an embodiment of the

FIG. 34A is a plan view of a method for manufacturing a semiconductor device according to an embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 34B is a cross-sectional view taken

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along line X-X' in FIG. 34A. FIG. 34C is a cross-sectional view taken along line Y-Y' in FIG. 34A.

FIG. 35A is a plan view of a method for manufacturing a semiconductor device according to an embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 35B is a cross-sectional view taken along line X-X' in FIG. 35A. FIG. 35C is a cross-sectional view taken along line Y-Y' in FIG. 35A.

FIG. 36A is a plan view of a method for manufacturing a semiconductor device according to an embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 36B is a cross-sectional view taken along line X-X' in FIG. 36A. FIG. 36C is a cross-sectional view taken along line Y-Y' in FIG. 36A.

FIG. 37A is a plan view of a method for manufacturing a semiconductor device according to an embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 37B is a cross-sectional view taken along line X-X' in FIG. 37A. FIG. 37C is a cross-sectional view taken along line Y-Y' in FIG. 37A.

FIG. 38A is a plan view of a method for manufacturing a semiconductor device according to an embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 38B is a cross-sectional view taken along line X-X' in FIG. 38A. FIG. 38C is a cross-sectional view taken along line Y-Y' in FIG. 38A.

FIG. 39A is a plan view of a method for manufacturing a semiconductor device according to an embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 39B is a cross-sectional view taken along line X-X' in FIG. 39A. FIG. 39C is a cross-sectional view taken along line Y-Y' in FIG. 39A.

FIG. 40A is a plan view of a method for manufacturing a semiconductor device according to an embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 40B is a cross-sectional view taken along line X-X' in FIG. 40A. FIG. 40C is a cross-sectional view taken along line Y-Y' in FIG. 40A.

FIG. 41A is a plan view of a method for manufacturing a semiconductor device according to an embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 41B is a cross-sectional view taken along line X-X' in FIG. 41A. FIG. 41C is a cross-sectional view taken along line Y-Y' in FIG. 41A.

FIG. 42A is a plan view of a method for manufacturing a semiconductor device according to an embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 42B is a cross-sectional view taken along line X-X' in FIG. 42A. FIG. 42C is a cross-sectional view taken along line Y-Y' in FIG. 42A.

FIG. 43A is a plan view of a method for manufacturing a semiconductor device according to an embodiment of the present invention. FIG. 43B is a cross-sectional view taken along line X-X' in FIG. 43A. FIG. 43C is a cross-sectional view taken along line Y-Y' in FIG. 43A.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

A semiconductor device having a SGT structure according to an embodiment of the present invention is described below with reference to FIG. 1.

A semiconductor device having a SGT structure according to an embodiment of the present invention includes:

- a planar silicon layer **107** formed on a silicon substrate **101**;
- a first pillar-shaped silicon layer **105** formed on the planar silicon layer **107**;
- a gate insulating film **109** formed around the first pillar-shaped silicon layer **105**;
- a first gate electrode **117b** formed around the gate insulating film **109**;
- a gate line **117c** connected to the first gate electrode **117b**;
- a first n-type diffusion layer **119** formed in an upper portion of the first pillar-shaped silicon layer **105**;

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a second n-type diffusion layer **120** formed in a lower portion of the first pillar-shaped silicon layer **105** and in an upper portion of the planar silicon layer **107**;

a first sidewall **201** having a laminated structure of an insulating film **127** and polysilicon **115** and being formed on an upper sidewall of the first pillar-shaped silicon layer **105** and an upper portion of the first gate electrode **117b**; and

a first contact **146** formed on the first n-type diffusion layer **119** and the first sidewall **201**,

wherein the first contact **146** is connected to the polysilicon **115** of the first sidewall **201**; and

the conductivity type of the polysilicon **115** of the first sidewall **201** is n-type.

The semiconductor device further includes first silicides **135** and **134** formed on the first n-type diffusion layer **119** and the first sidewall **201**. A silicide satisfactorily stops contact etching because of a high selection ratio for etching an oxide film.

Contact etching is stopped by the polysilicon **115** of the first sidewall **201** which has a laminated structure including the insulating film **127** and the polysilicon **115** and which is formed on an upper sidewall of the first pillar-shaped silicon layer **105** and an upper portion of the first gate electrode **117b**. Since the insulating film **127** of the first sidewall **201** is thin and held in the polysilicon **115**, the etching rate is decreased to stop contact etching by the first sidewall **201**. Therefore, the height from the upper surface of the first n-type diffusion layer to the upper surface of the first gate electrode **117b** can be reduced.

Also since the conductivity type of the polysilicon of the first sidewall **201** is n-type, surface carriers are induced by a difference in work function, and thus the resistance in an upper portion of a pillar-shaped silicon layer **105** can be decreased. For example, when the first sidewall **201** is n-type, and the pillar-shaped silicon layer **105** has a low impurity concentration, a transistor composed of the first sidewall **201** and the pillar-shaped silicon layer **105** is turned on when a voltage applied to the first sidewall **201** through the contact **146** is 0 V.

As described above, when the lower surface of the first n-type diffusion layer **119** is higher than the upper surface of the first gate electrode **117b**, a channel of the transistor can be electrically connected to the first n-type diffusion layer **119**.

When impurities are introduced so that the lower surface of the first n-type diffusion layer **119** is higher than the upper surface of the first gate electrode **117b**, a shallow junction is formed, thereby reducing the widening of the diffusion layer in the lateral direction. That is, higher integration can be realized.

The polysilicon of the first sidewall **201** is formed on an upper sidewall of the pillar-shaped silicon layer **105**, and thus the first sidewall **201** has a larger diameter than that of the pillar-shaped silicon layer **105**. Although the pillar-shaped silicon layer **105** becomes thin and thus has difficulty in implanting an impurity in the pillar-shaped silicon layer **105**, an impurity can be implanted into the polysilicon **115** of the first sidewall **201**. Therefore, a channel of the transistor can be electrically connected to the first n-type diffusion layer.

The first gate electrode **117b** has a laminated structure of a metal **110** and polysilicon **111**.

Consequently, SGT has the first sidewall **201** having a laminated structure of the insulating film **127** and the polysilicon **115** and formed on an upper sidewall of the first pillar-shaped silicon layer **105** and an upper portion of the first gate electrode **117b**.

CMOS SGT using the SGT according to the embodiment of the present invention is described below. The CMOS SGT includes:

- a second pillar-shaped silicon layer **104** formed on the planar silicon layer **107**;
- the gate insulating film **109** formed around the second pillar-shaped silicon layer **104**;
- a second gate electrode **117a** formed around the gate insulating film **109**; the gate line **117c** connected to the second gate electrode **117a**;
- a first p-type diffusion layer **122** formed in an upper portion of the second pillar-shaped silicon layer **104**;
- a second p-type diffusion layer **123** formed in a lower portion of the second pillar-shaped silicon layer **104** and an upper portion of the planar silicon layer **107**;
- a second sidewall **202** having a laminated structure of an insulating film **126** and polysilicon **114** and being formed on an upper sidewall of the second pillar-shaped silicon layer **104** and on an upper portion of the second gate electrode **117a**; and
- a second contact **145** formed on the first p-type diffusion layer **122** and on the second sidewall **202**, wherein the second contact **145** is connected to the polysilicon **114** of the second sidewall **202**; and
- the conductivity type of the polysilicon **114** of the second sidewall **202** is p-type.

The CMOS SGT further includes second silicides **129** and **130** formed on the first p-type diffusion layer **122** and the first sidewall **202**.

The lower surface of the first p-type diffusion layer **122** is higher than the upper surface of the second gate electrode **117a**.

The second gate electrode **117a** has a laminated structure of a metal **110** and polysilicon **111**.

The second n-type diffusion layer **120** and the second p-type diffusion layer **123** are connected to each other through a silicide.

The CMOS SGT using the SGT according to the present invention is described above.

A process for manufacturing a semiconductor device having a SGT structure according to an embodiment of the present invention is described below with reference to FIGS. 2 to 43.

First, as shown in FIG. 2, first resists **102** and **103** are formed for forming the first pillar-shaped silicon layer **105** and the second pillar-shaped silicon layer **104** on the silicon substrate **101**.

Next, as shown in FIG. 3, the silicon substrate **101** is etched to form the first pillar-shaped silicon layer **105** and the second pillar-shaped silicon layer **104**.

Then, as shown in FIG. 4, the first resists **102** and **103** are removed.

Then, as shown in FIG. 5, a second resist **106** is formed for forming the planar silicon layer **107**.

Then, as shown in FIG. 6, the silicon substrate **101** is etched to form the planar silicon layer **107**.

Then, as shown in FIG. 7, the second resist **106** is removed.

Next, as shown in FIG. 8, an oxide film **108** is deposited and the surface thereof is planarized.

Then, as shown in FIG. 9, the oxide film **108** is etched to be left around the planar silicon layer **107**.

First, as shown in FIG. 10, the gate insulating film **109** is formed around the first pillar-shaped silicon layer **105** and the second pillar-shaped silicon layer **104**. In this case, an oxide film, a laminated structure of an oxide film and a nitride film, a nitride film, or a high-dielectric film can be used as a material of the gate insulating film **109**.

Next, as shown in FIG. 11, the metal film **110** is formed around the gate insulating film **109**. A metal material which can be used for a gate electrode, such as titanium, titanium nitride, tantalum, tantalum nitride, or the like, can be used for the metal film **110**.

Then, as shown in FIG. 12, polysilicon **111** is deposited and the surface thereof is planarized.

Then, as shown in FIG. 13, the polysilicon **111** is etched.

Then, as shown in FIG. 14, the polysilicon **111** is etched to expose upper portions of the first pillar-shaped silicon layer **105** and the second pillar-shaped silicon layer **104**.

Then, as shown in FIG. 15, the metal film **110** is etched. In this case, wet etching is preferably used.

Then, as shown in FIG. 16, a thin insulating film **112** and polysilicon **113** are deposited.

Then, as shown in FIG. 17, the polysilicon **113** is etched to leave the polysilicon **114** and **115** as sidewalls on an upper sidewall of the first pillar-shaped silicon layer **105** and an upper sidewall of the second pillar-shaped silicon layer **104**.

Then, as shown in FIG. 18, a third resist **116** is formed for forming the first gate electrode **117b**, the second gate electrode **117a**, and the gate line **117c**.

Then, as shown in FIG. 19, the oxide film **112** is etched.

Then, as shown in FIG. 20, the polysilicon **111**, the metal film **110**, and the gate insulating film **109** are etched to form the first gate electrode **117b**, the second gate electrode **117a**, and the gate line **117c**.

Then, as shown in FIG. 21, the third resist **116** is removed.

Then, as shown in FIG. 22, a fourth resist **118** is formed for forming the first n-type diffusion layer **119** and the second n-type diffusion layer **120**.

Then, as shown in FIG. 23, arsenic is implanted to form the first n-type diffusion layer **119** and the second n-type diffusion layer **120**. At this time, arsenic is also implanted into the polysilicon **115** of the sidewall. Also, arsenic is implanted into the polysilicon **115** from the sidewall thereof, thereby easily achieving n-type at a high concentration.

Then, as shown in FIG. 24, the fourth resist **118** is removed.

Then, as shown in FIG. 25, a fifth resist **121** is formed for forming the first p-type diffusion layer **122** and the second p-type diffusion layer **123**.

Then, as shown in FIG. 26, boron is implanted to form the first p-type diffusion layer **122** and the second p-type diffusion layer **123**. At this time, boron is also implanted into the polysilicon **114** of the sidewall. Also, boron is implanted into the polysilicon **114** from the sidewall thereof, thereby easily achieving p-type at a high-concentration.

Then, as shown in FIG. 27, the fifth resist **121** is removed.

Then, as shown in FIG. 28, the nitride film **124** is deposited.

Then, as shown in FIG. 29, heat treatment is performed. In this treatment, a shallow junction can be formed by decreasing heat treatment. When heat treatment is performed to form a deep junction, the second n-type diffusion layer **120** and the second p-type diffusion layer **123** are widened in the lateral direction, thereby causing difficulty in increasing integration.

Then, as shown in FIG. 30, the nitride film **124** is etched, and the oxide film **112** is etched to form the nitride film sidewall **125**. At the same time, the first sidewall **201** including the oxide film **127** and the polysilicon **115** is formed on an upper sidewall of the first pillar-shaped silicon layer **105**, and the second sidewall **202** including the oxide film **126** and the polysilicon **114** is formed on an upper sidewall of the second pillar-shaped silicon layer **104**.

Then, as shown in FIG. 31, silicide **135**, silicide **134**, silicide **129**, and silicide **130** are formed on the first n-type diffusion layer **119**, the polysilicon **115**, the first p-type dif-

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fusion layer **122**, and the polysilicon **114**, respectively. In addition, silicides **128**, **131**, **132**, **133**, and **136** are formed.

Then, as shown in FIG. **32**, an interlayer insulating film **137** is deposited and planarized.

Then, as shown in FIG. **33**, a sixth resist **138** is formed for forming the first contact **146** and the second contact **145**.

Then, as shown in FIG. **34**, the interlayer insulating film **137** is etched to form contact holes **139** and **140**. In this case, contact etching is stopped at the polysilicon by the first sidewall having a laminated structure of the insulating film and the polysilicon and being formed on an upper sidewall of the first pillar-shaped silicon layer and an upper portion of the first gate electrode. Since the insulating film of the first sidewall is thin and held in the polysilicon, the etching rate is decreased to stop contact etching by the first sidewall.

Then, as shown in FIG. **35**, the sixth resist **138** is removed.

Then, as shown in FIG. **36**, a seventh resist **141** is formed for forming the contacts **144** and **147**.

Then, as shown in FIG. **37**, the interlayer insulating film **137** is etched to form contact holes **142** and **143**.

Then, as shown in FIG. **38**, the seventh resist **137** is removed.

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Then, as shown in FIG. **39**, a metal is deposited to form the contacts **144** and **147**, the first contact **146**, and the second contact **145**.

Then, as shown in FIG. **40**, a metal **148** is deposited.

Then, as shown in FIG. **41**, eighth resists **149**, **150**, **151**, and **152** are formed for forming metal lines **153**, **154**, **155**, and **156**.

Then, as shown in FIG. **42**, the metal **148** is etched to form the metal lines **153**, **154**, **155**, and **156**.

Then, as shown in FIG. **43**, the eighth resists **149**, **150**, **151**, and **152** are removed.

The invention claimed is:

1. A semiconductor device comprising:

a pillar-shaped silicon layer; and

a sidewall having a laminated structure comprising an insulating film and polysilicon, the sidewall on an upper sidewall of the pillar-shaped silicon layer, wherein a top of the polysilicon of the sidewall is electrically connected to a top of the pillar-shaped silicon layer.

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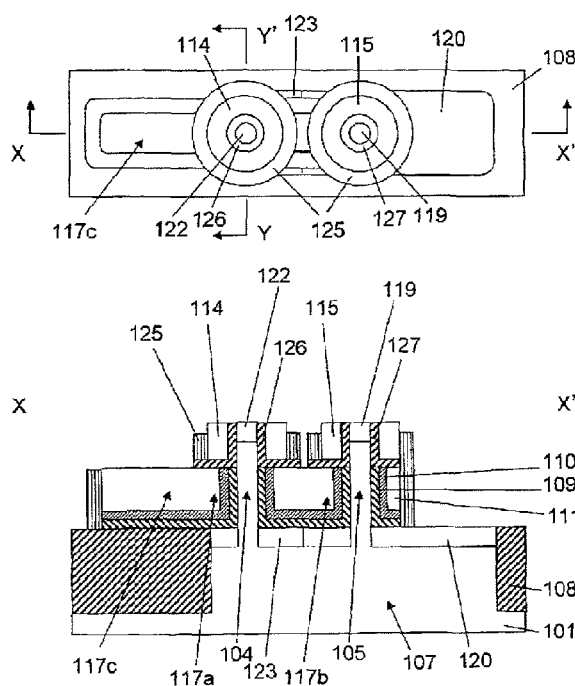
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(51) **Int. Cl.****H01L 29/76** (2006.01)**H01L 29/78** (2006.01)*Primary Examiner* — James Menefee(57) **ABSTRACT**

A semiconductor device includes a pillar-shaped silicon layer and a first-conductivity-type diffusion layer in an upper portion of the pillar-shaped silicon layer. A sidewall having a laminated structure including an insulating film and polysilicon resides on an upper sidewall of the pillar-shaped silicon layer. A top of the polysilicon of the sidewall is electrically connected to a top of the first-conductivity-type diffusion layer and has the same conductivity as the diffusion layer.



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1. A semiconductor device comprising:

a pillar-shaped silicon layer; and

a sidewall having a laminated structure comprising an insulating film and polysilicon, the sidewall on an upper sidewall of the pillar-shaped silicon layer *and surrounding an upper sidewall of the pillar-shaped silicon layer,* 20
wherein a top of the polysilicon of the sidewall is electrically connected to a top of the pillar-shaped silicon layer.

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